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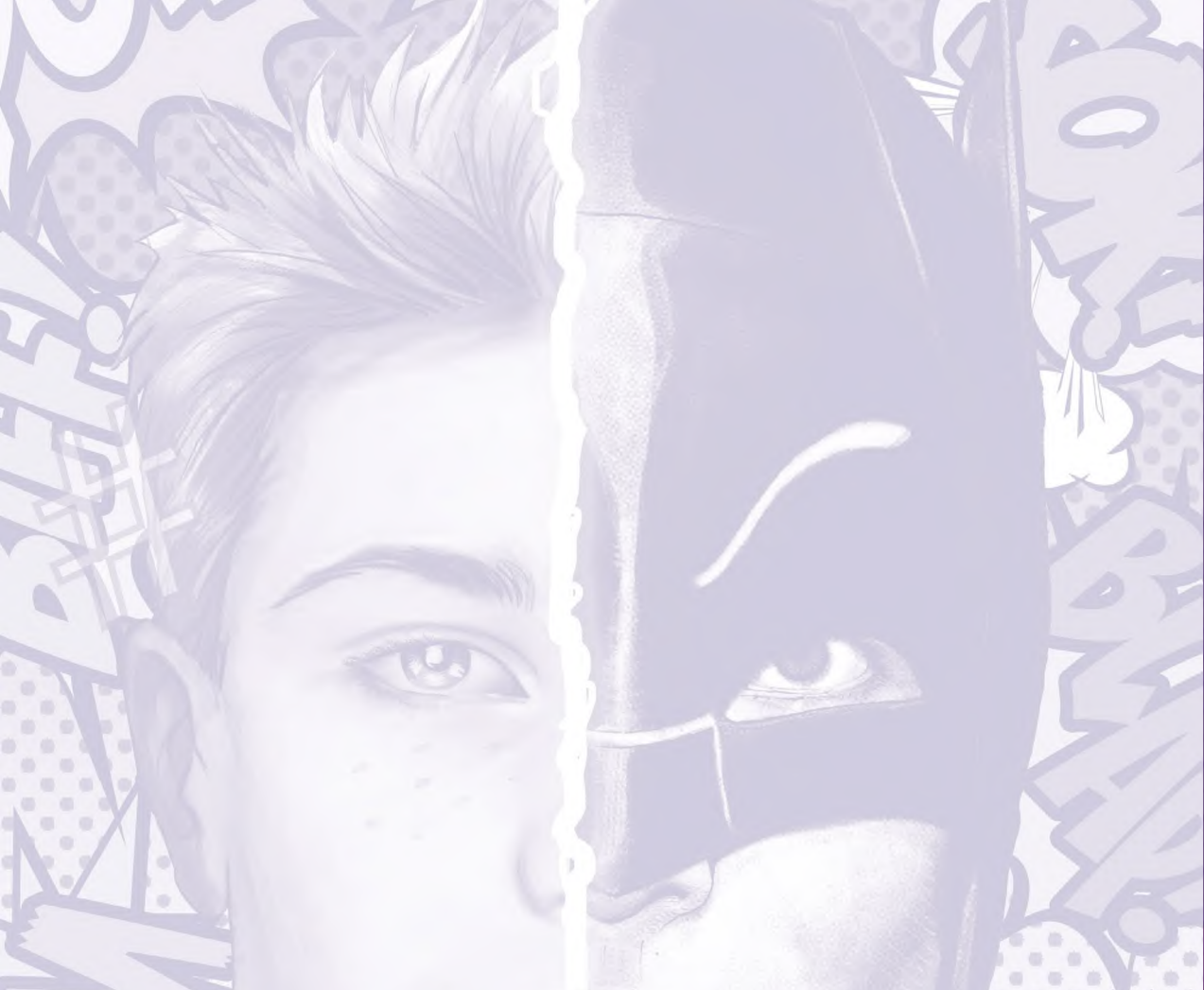


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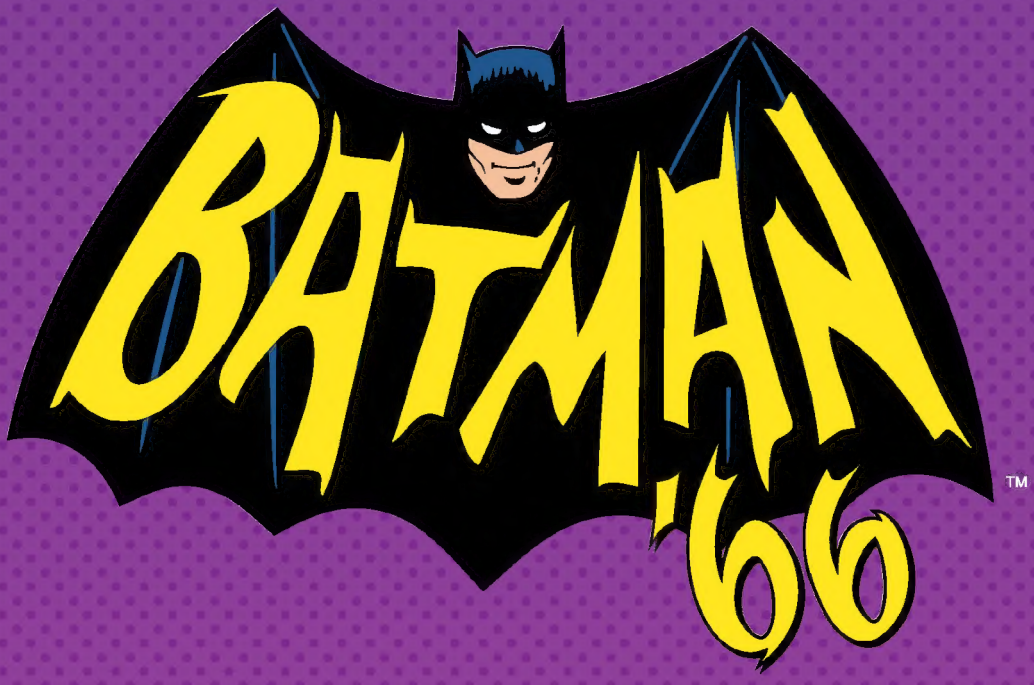

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## Introduction by JEFF PARKER & MICHAEL MORECI

Jeff Parker: How are super teams formed? I know I've spread the idea that everyone Michael Moreci is related to had a fatal fall from a trapeze–possibly sabotage–and while he was at his most vulnerable I asked if he'd want to team up on a script. Turns out that's not true, it was Alex Segura deciding Michael and I should work together on a mashup of Batman '66 and the Archie gang and asked us. I'm not sure if he has some insight into both of us, or he just trusts writers so little that he always hires two in hopes that he'll get a whole story. But it worked out, didn't it? Except for the part where they threw out our whole first idea.

Michael Moreci: Two writers always work best, because one of the best things is when people look at you and say, "It took two of you to write this?!" But duos are a thing–you might even say they have the potential to be... dynamic? Almost like a certain Caped Crusader and his Boy Wonder. But we were tasked with crafting something of a spin on this famous pair, because we had a new hero stepping into the sidekick role–none other than Riverdale's favorite son, Archie Andrews! And like the pairing of Parker and Moreci, we now have Adam West's Batman and Archie united. Some things just make sense, don't they?

JP: And before we argue over which of us is Archie and which Jughead, we should admit how easy this story was thanks to the rest of the Riverdale gang. By that I mean Dan Parent and J. Bone drawing, making the whole thing not only look amazing but also make visual sense. We all opted for a mostly '60s version of the Archies to fit naturally with this Batman, but not just any artists can pull that off. Dan even got in extra easter eggs and jokes in there beyond what we had. And Kelly Fitzpatrick nailed the color schemes of the era. The wardrobes are especially fun.

Last, I think we should mention what I'm guessing was your favorite part–the villains. Am I right on that?

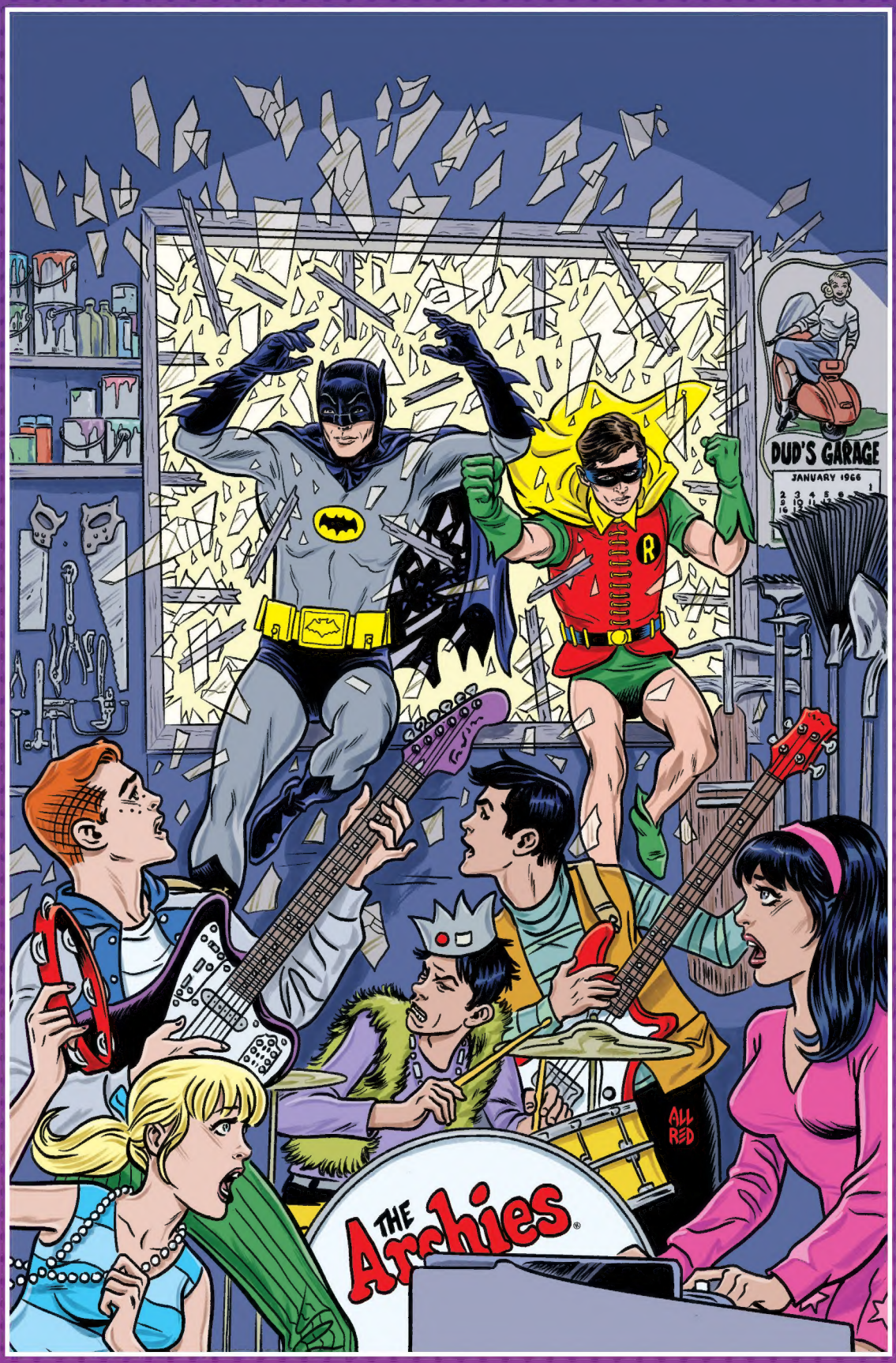
MM: The villains were the cherry on this sundae, there's no doubt about it. I think, Jeff, you said it best–that era of Batman may be campy, but it's not meant to be; it's actually quite earnest. And that's so wonderful to write. But the villains–the villains are where you let all the camp and puns and double entendres fly. It makes for perfect mirror to our heroes–almost like another perfect pair!

JP: While it's a pretty good plan for the United Underworld to abandon Gotham City for once and take over another town, they clearly haven't done any research on the local teen scene thats so crucial to Riverdale. So kick back and read, and we hope you have even half as much fun as we did making this.

MM: I don't know how a comic can be more than what Jeff just said–fun. I had the best time writing this, and if you have half the fun I did writing as you're reading, well, I'd say we've done our job!

Parker and Moreci, from Portland and Chicago
Writers, *Archie Meets Batman '66*

# CHAPTER ONE



TOURISTS FROM EVERYWHERE HAVE COME TO GOTHAM MIDWAY PARK FOR THE 1966 WORLD'S SCIENCE FAIR...INCLUDING ONE VINE-VAMPING VILLAINESS.
--WE REPEAT, IF YOU ARE HEADING TO THE SCIENCE FAIR, TURN BACK! THE EVENT HAS BEEN INVADED BY SUPERVILLAIN POISON IVY!
AND WHY DIDN'T Y'ALL INVITE LITTLE MISS IVY, THE WORLD'S GREATEST AND MOST BODACIOUS BOTANIST, TO THIS HERE FAIR?
I AM PROGRAMMED TO EDU-CATE...
DON'T TELL ME THE PRESS WOULDN'T BE WOWED BY MY LATEST TRIUMPH, The WINGED SNAPDRAGON!
The BATMAN of RIVERDALE

NOW LOOKY HERE, MY BIGGEST FAN CAME OUT TO SEE ME. HEY, HONEY!

HOLY HORTICULTURE ***HORRORS***, BATMAN!

SCREEEEEEEEE

WHEN YOU ESCAPED ARKHAM INSTITUTE, I ***KNEW*** YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PASS UP THIS EVENT, IVY.

I SEE THE SNAP-DRAGONS, BUT I BELIEVE YOU'VE ALSO GRAFTED ***DRAGONTAIL FERNS*** INTO THIS NEW CREATION?

Oh MY, YOU REALLY ***ARE*** THE ONLY MAN TO EVER GET ME.

SUGAR, WHY DON'T Y'ALL FEED THE BABY WONDER TO MY DRAGON--

--AND LET'S RUN OFF AND GET HITCHED ALREADY!

NOT ACCEPTABLE, IVY. ROBIN, FIRE THE BAT-BEAM.

BAT-BEAM ***ON!***

KLIK

WHY DO THEY ALWAYS WANT TO KILL ***ME?***

FWOOSH

HOW ***DARE*** YOU BURN MY DRAGON!

I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO GET ROUGH, BUT YOU PUSHED ME!

***SPROUTS!*** I NEED BACKUP!

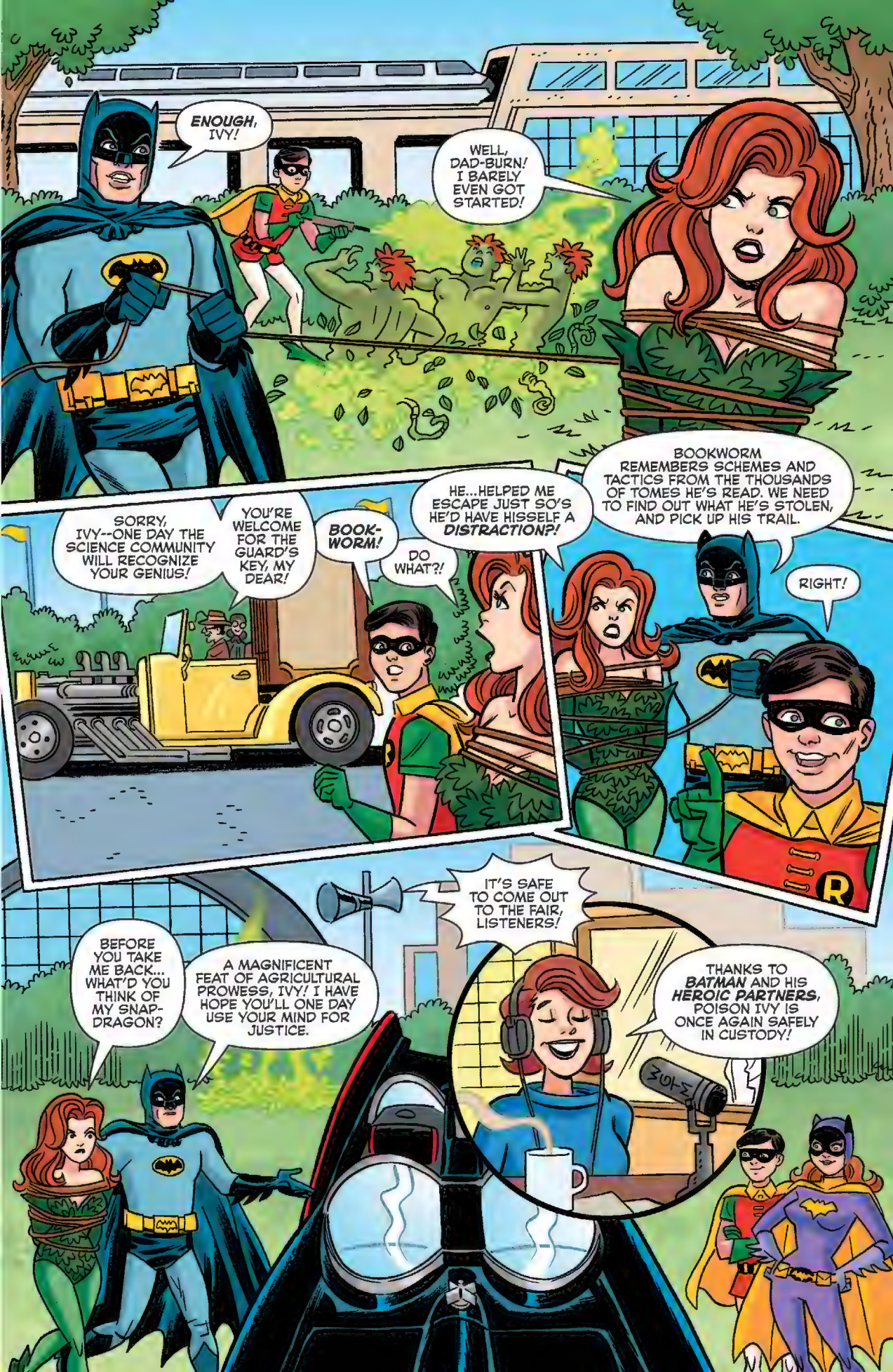
WE HELP MISS IVY!
SPROUTS SMASH THE MEAT-MEN!
AND I'LL TAKE THEM DOWN WITH MY SALAD-SHOOTER!
VOOP VOOP VOOP
WE'RE OUTNUMBERED BY NATURE!
AND THE PLANT MEN DON'T TIRE EASILY! BUT STAND STRONG, CHUM--IVE ALREADY CALLED FOR BACKUP.
AN EVEN BETTER DISTRACTION THAN I'D HOPED FOR.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU MADE SURE SHE COULD ESCAPE YESTERDAY?
INDEED, FOOTNOTE.
THE FUTURE IS HERE! THE ELECTRONIC BOOK
READING OF THE NEXT CENTURY
WHILST MY TRUE GOAL IS RIGHT HERE, UNPROTECTED. STAY ON LOOKOUT, THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.
I'M SORRY, SIR, WE NEED TO CLOSE THIS EXHIBIT WHILE THERE'S A BATTLE RAGING...
OF COURSE, BUT I READ THAT THIS IS SUPPOSEDLY HOW BOOKS WILL WORK IN THE FUTURE?
YES.
SEE, THE ELECTRONIC BOOK WILL BE ABLE TO DISPLAY THE ENTIRETY OF ANY TOME YOU WISH TO READ!
CALL ME ISHMAEL
IT'S ALREADY PROGRAMMED TO SHOW OVER TWENTY DIFFERENT WORKS!
DREADFUL...NO BOUQUET OF DECAYED PARCHMENT AND INDIA INKS! STILL, IT'S THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND, AND SO I MUST HAVE IT.
I'M SORRY, SIR, THE EXHIBIT PIECE ISN'T FOR SALE.

Oh... MY...
PHSSSSSSSH
THAT'S FINE, I SHAN'T BE PAYING.
MY PLAN IS A SUCCESS, FOOTNOTE! FREEING POISON IVY IN TIME FOR THIS FAIR HAS MADE MY ACQUISITION SIMPLICITY.
STAY BACK, BOOK-WORM, SIR!
BATGIRL
THERE ARE MORE HEROES ON THE SCENE!
EXCELLENT REFLEXES, MY DEAR!
VRRMMM

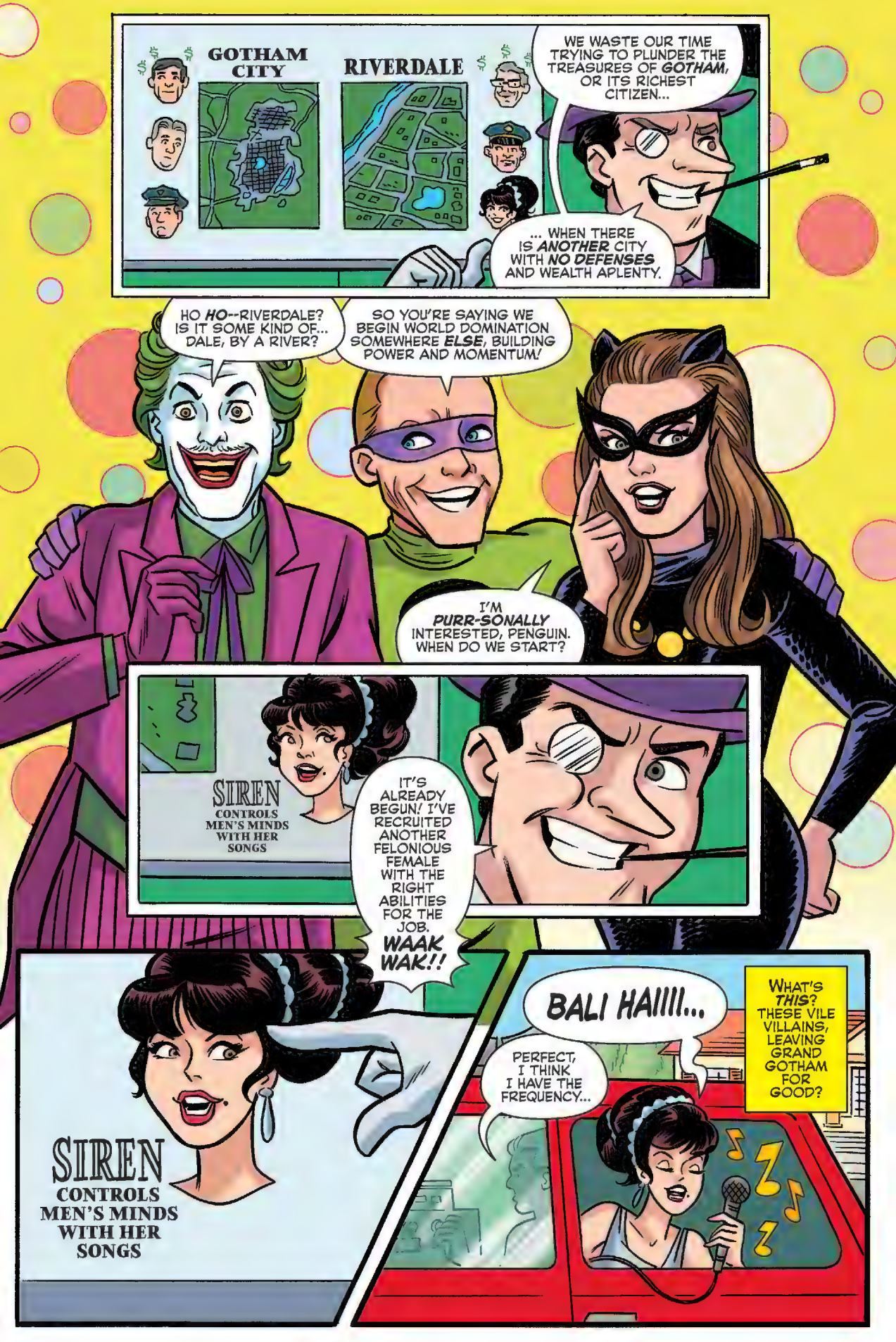
MORE VILLAINS AT LARGE!
BUT FIRST I HAVE TO HELP...
...BATMAN!
SCREE
SORRY TO TAKE SO LONG, BATMAN! I STOPPED AT THE GARDEN SHOP AS YOU ASKED!
PERFECT!
IF IVY KEEPS GROWING HENCHMEN, I'M GOING TO START KEEPING THIS IN THE BATMOBILE.
FSSSSSSTT
BLARGH!

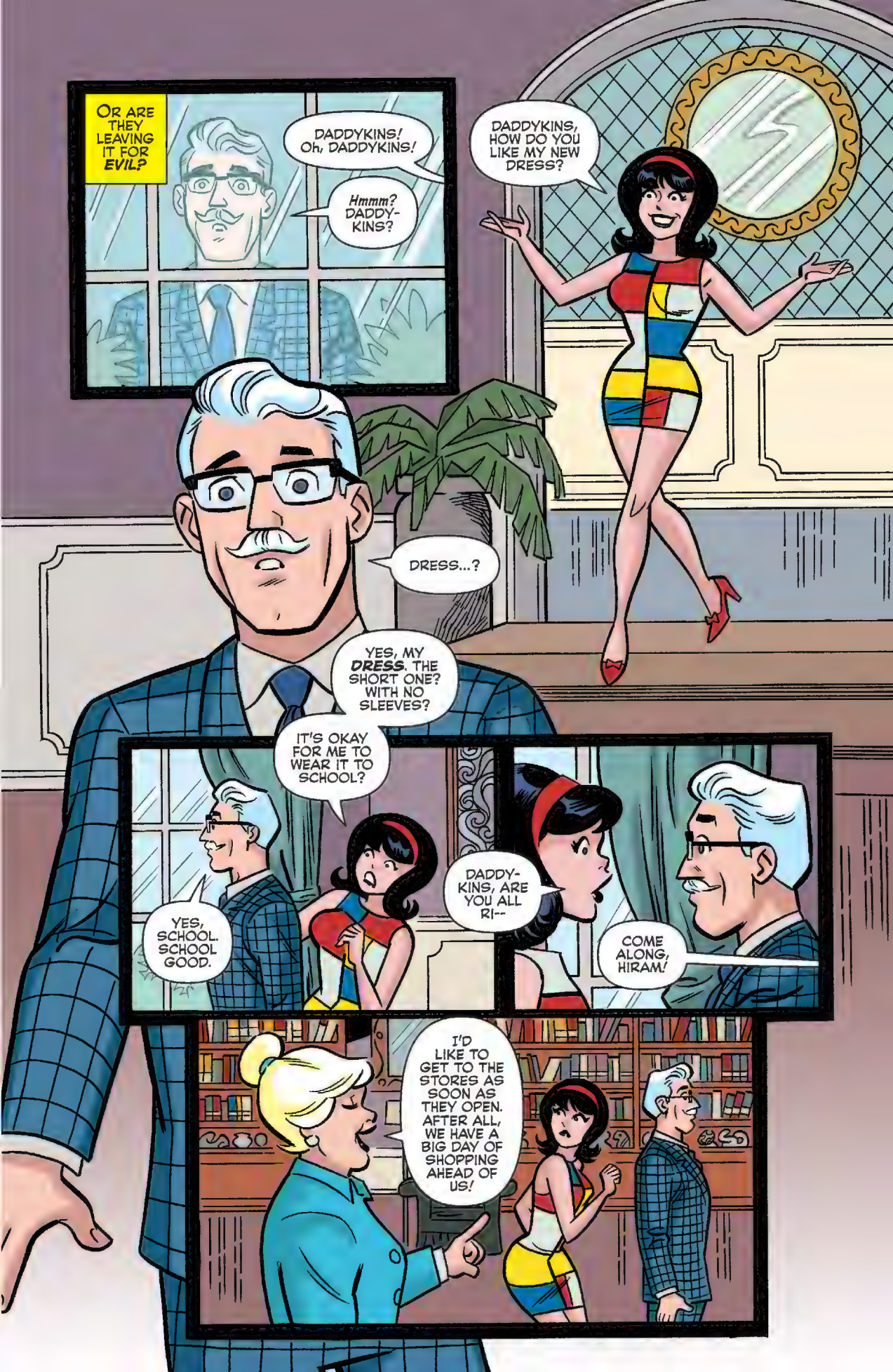
ME FEEL... WEAK IN THE LEAVES...
IT'S WEED-KILLER!
YOU CAN WEED THE REST OF THE GARDEN, ROBIN.
KRUNCH
Oh, BOY!
HOW DARE YOU?!
KWHAM
MY BOYS AREN'T ALL WEEDS!
KABAM
SORRY, SISTER! THIS PARK IS OFF LIMITS TO CREEPING IVY!


ENOUGH, IVY!
WELL, DAD-BURN! I BARELY EVEN GOT STARTED!
BOOKWORM REMEMBERS SCHEMES AND TACTICS FROM THE THOUSANDS OF TOMES HE'S READ. WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT HE'S STOLEN, AND PICK UP HIS TRAIL.
HE...HELPED ME ESCAPE JUST SO'S HE'D HAVE HISSELF A DISTRACTION?!
SORRY, IVY--ONE DAY THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY WILL RECOGNIZE YOUR GENIUS!
YOU'RE WELCOME FOR THE GUARD'S KEY, MY DEAR!
BOOK-WORM!
DO WHAT?!
RIGHT!
IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT TO THE FAIR, LISTENERS!
BEFORE YOU TAKE ME BACK... WHAT'D YOU THINK OF MY SNAP-DRAGON?
A MAGNIFICENT FEAT OF AGRICULTURAL PROWESS, IVY! I HAVE HOPE YOU'LL ONE DAY USE YOUR MIND FOR JUSTICE.
THANKS TO BATMAN AND HIS HEROIC PARTNERS, POISON IVY IS ONCE AGAIN SAFELY IN CUSTODY!

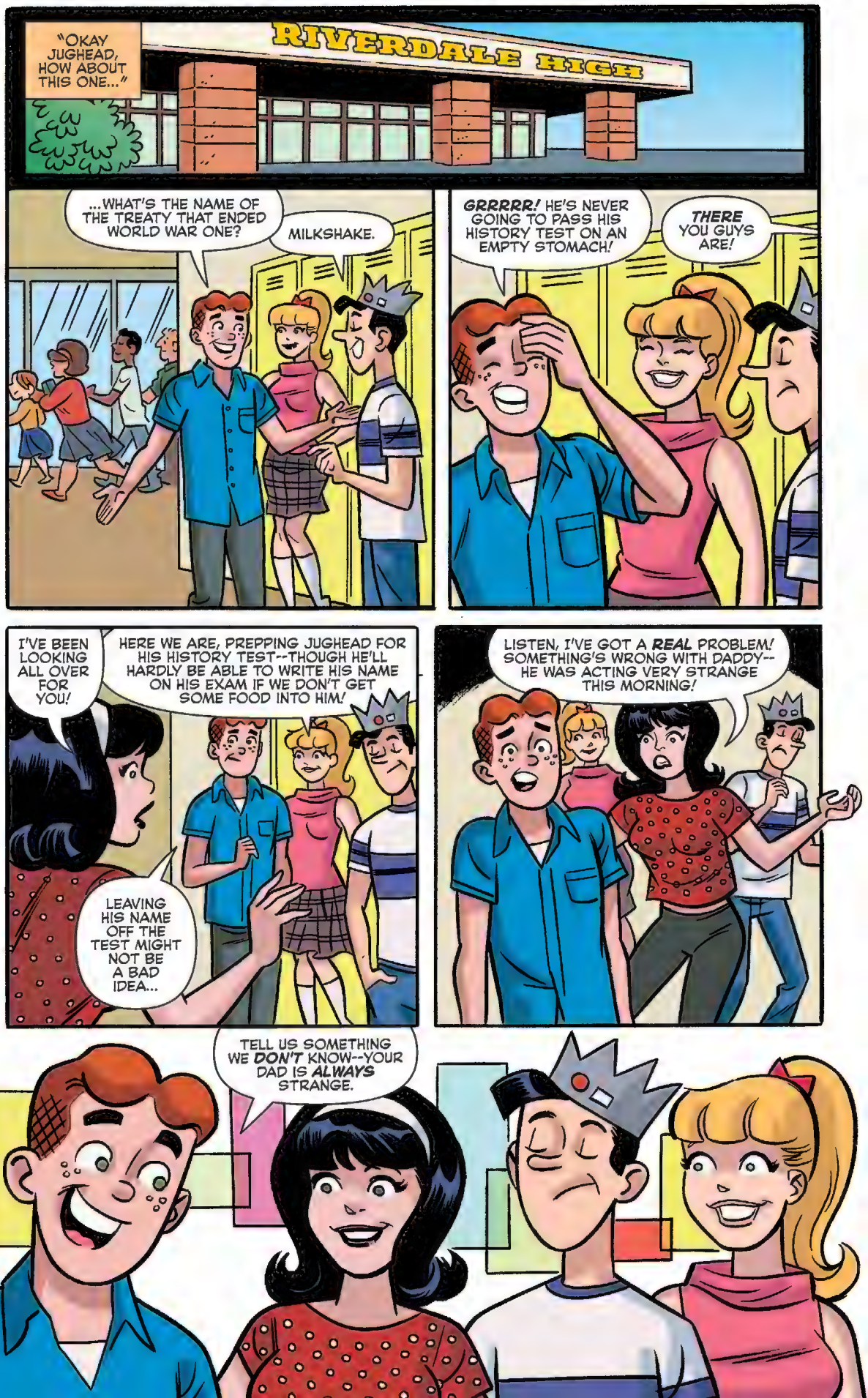
MEANWHILE, IN THE BLISSFUL BURG OF RIVERDALE WE FIND A CERTAIN RED-HEADED TEENAGER AT WORK IN HIS GARAGE...
THANKS TO BATMAN AND HIS HEROIC PARTNERS, POISON IVY IS ONCE AGAIN SAFELY IN CUSTODY!
POP'S
BETSY
YEAH, GO BATMAN!
THE PARACHUTES! I FORGOT THAT THE BATMOBILE HAS THOSE IN THE BACK...
HEY ARCH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS BUT...
...WE'VE GOT TO GET TO SCHOOL! DIDJA THINK IT WAS SATURDAY ALREADY?
I KNOW! I'M JUST RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO GET THE JALOPY READY FOR THE FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK!
WOW, YOU SHOULD LEAVE IT LIKE THAT!
MY MOM'S ALMOST DONE WITH OUR PARADE COSTUMES.
BUT NOW WE CAN'T DRIVE TO SCHOOL!
BRIIIINNNG
Ah, HECK! I CAN ALREADY HEAR THE FIRST BELL!

TODAY GOTHAM CITY TOMORROW THE WORLD
UNITED UNDERWORLD
SCIENCE FANS HAD A REAL TREAT SEEING THEIR CITY'S HEROES IN ACTION HERE...AND ONCE AGAIN GOTHAM CITY IS PROTECTED FROM THE COLORFUL MANIACS WHO WOULD MOCK HER LAWS!
BAM
WAAAK WAK!
THEY DARE LUMP US IN WITH POISON IVY, SHE'S AN INGÉNUE!
SHE'S POWERFUL THOUGH, YET BACK IN CUFFS.
HOO HOO! I COULD HAVE STAYED AT LARGE AT LEAST THREE DAYS!
IT'S TRUE-- NO CRIMEWAVE EVER LASTS FOR LONG IN GOTHAM. FAT CHANCE OUR PLANS WILL EVER SPREAD OUT TO 'THE WORLD.'
CONSIDER, FELLOW FIENDS, THAT WE'VE BEEN GOING ABOUT THE ORDER WRONG!
BATMAN SPENDS ALL HIS TIME THINKING ABOUT HOW TO DEFEND GOTHAM CITY, WAAK-WAAAK.


GOTHAM CITY
RIVERDALE
WE WASTE OUR TIME TRYING TO PLUNDER THE TREASURES OF GOTHAM, OR ITS RICHEST CITIZEN...
... WHEN THERE IS ANOTHER CITY WITH NO DEFENSES AND WEALTH APLENTY.
HO HO--RIVERDALE? IS IT SOME KIND OF... DALE, BY A RIVER?
SO YOU'RE SAYING WE BEGIN WORLD DOMINATION SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUILDING POWER AND MOMENTUM!
I'M PURR-SONALLY INTERESTED, PENGUIN. WHEN DO WE START?
SIREN
CONTROLS MEN'S MINDS WITH HER SONGS
IT'S ALREADY BEGUN! I'VE RECRUITED ANOTHER FELONIOUS FEMALE WITH THE RIGHT ABILITIES FOR THE JOB. WAAK WAK!!
SIREN
CONTROLS MEN'S MINDS WITH HER SONGS
BALI HAIIII...
PERFECT, I THINK I HAVE THE FREQUENCY...
WHAT'S THIS? THESE VILE VILLAINS, LEAVING GRAND GOTHAM FOR GOOD?

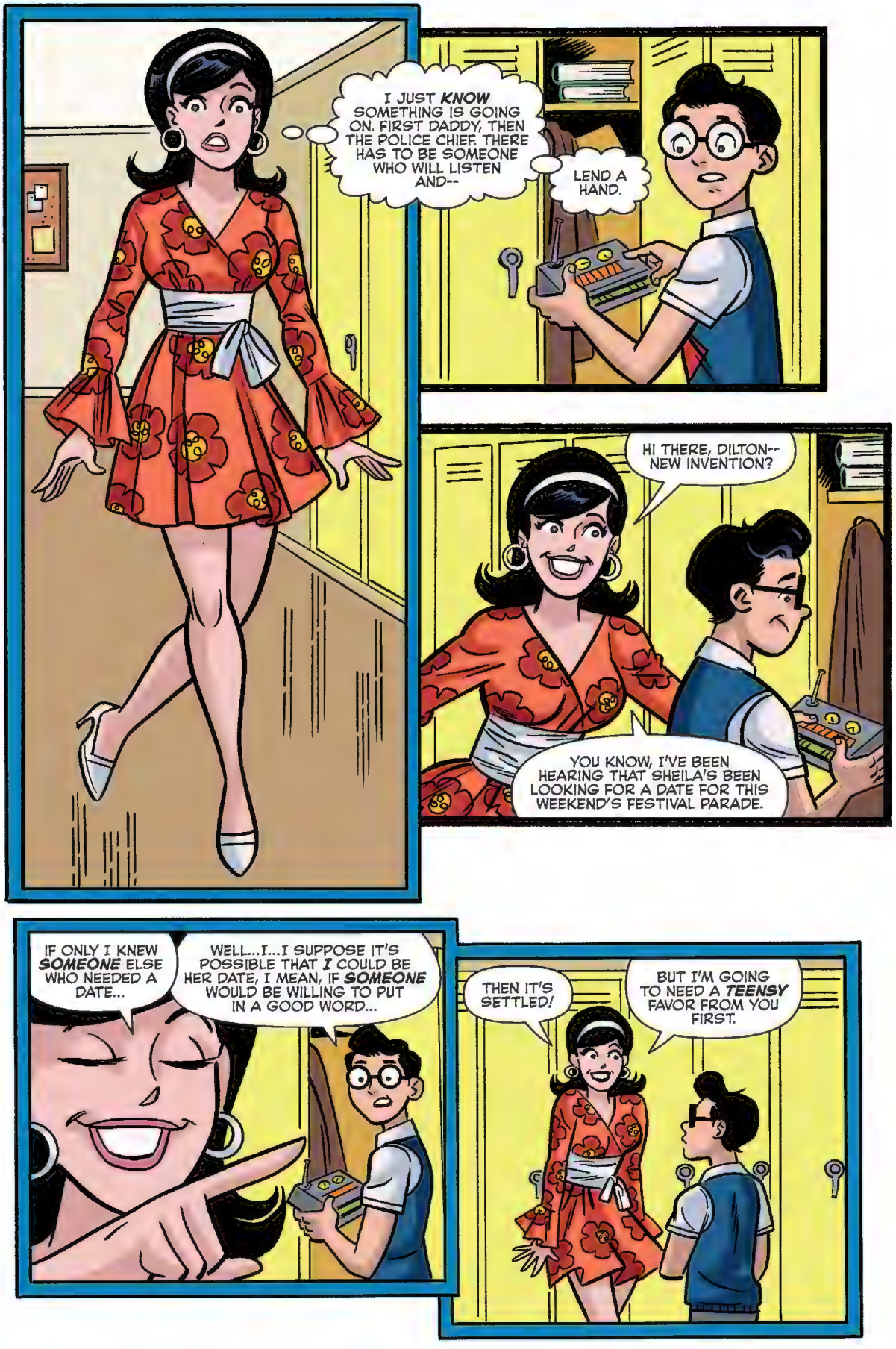

OR ARE THEY LEAVING IT FOR EVIL?
DADDYKINS! Oh, DADDYKINS!
Hmmm? DADDY-KINS?
DADDYKINS, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW DRESS?
DRESS...?
YES, MY DRESS. THE SHORT ONE? WITH NO SLEEVES?
IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO WEAR IT TO SCHOOL?
YES, SCHOOL. SCHOOL GOOD.
DADDY-KINS, ARE YOU ALL RI--
COME ALONG, HIRAM!
I'D LIKE TO GET TO THE STORES AS SOON AS THEY OPEN. AFTER ALL, WE HAVE A BIG DAY OF SHOPPING AHEAD OF US!

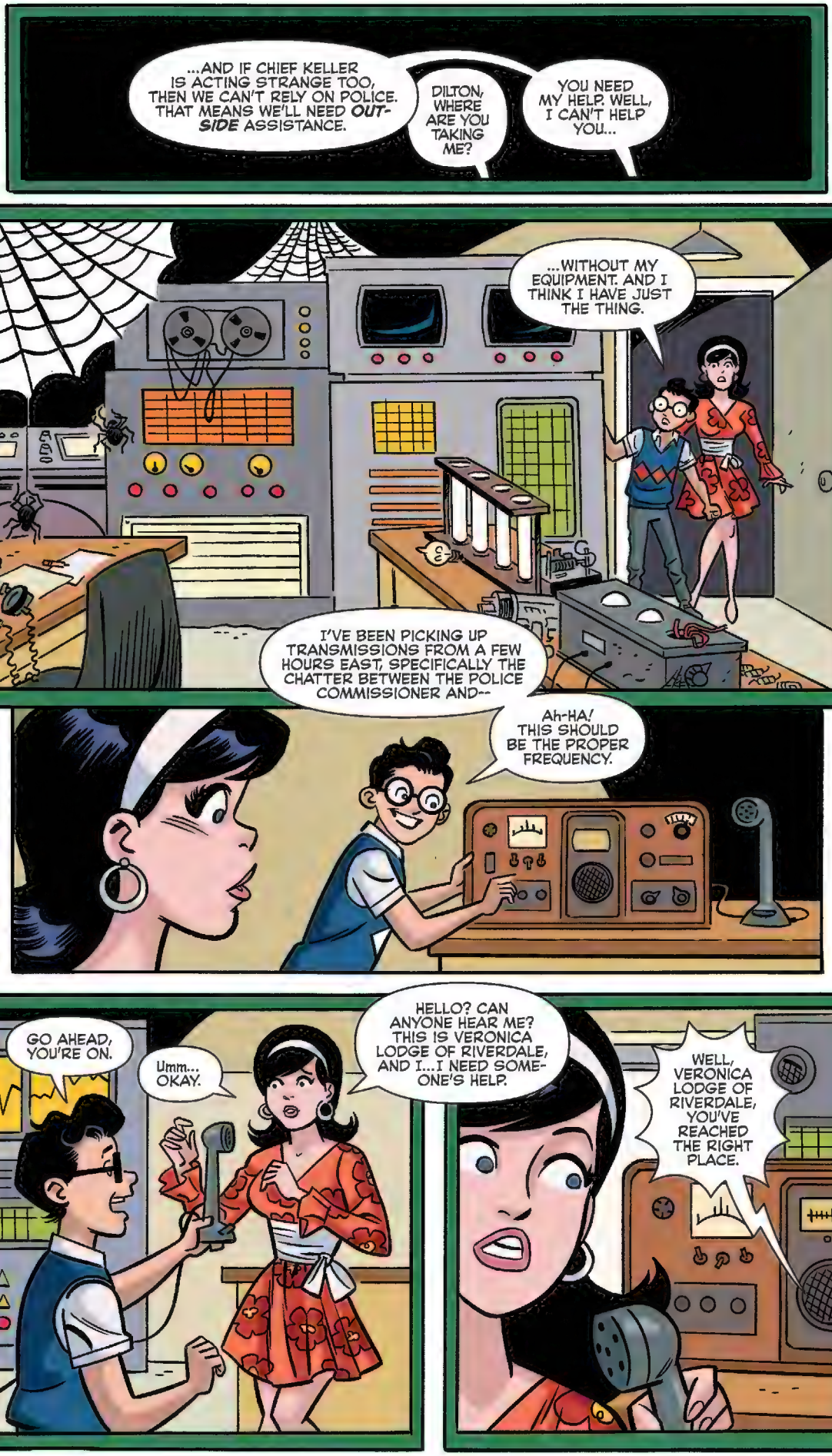
ARE YOU SAYING DADDYKINS ISN'T GOING TO WORK TODAY, AND HE'S TAKING YOU SHOPPING INSTEAD?
HE AGREED TO IT THIS VERY MORNING! THOUGH IT WAS MORE LIKE HE MUTTERED WHAT I'D ALREADY SAID. STILL, HE DIDN'T SAY NO, SO--
NO.
I HAVE NO TIME FOR THESE... THESE FRIVOLTIES! THERE'S TOO MUCH TO DO! TO MANY PLANS TO SET INTO MOTION!
BUT, HIRAM, OUR DAY TOGETHER--
CANCELLED!
AND I'LL SUFFER NO FURTHER INTERRUPTIONS!
WHAT--WHAT'S GOING ON WITH DADDY?
Oh, I'M SURE IT'S JUST STRESS FROM WORK. NOTHING TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH, DEAR.
I DON'T KNOW.
IT ALL SEEMS VERY... UNUSUAL.


"OKAY JUGHEAD, HOW ABOUT THIS ONE..."
RIVERDALE HIGH
...WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE TREATY THAT ENDED WORLD WAR ONE?
MILKSHAKE.
GRRRRR! HE'S NEVER GOING TO PASS HIS HISTORY TEST ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!
THERE YOU GUYS ARE!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
HERE WE ARE, PREPPING JUGHEAD FOR HIS HISTORY TEST--THOUGH HE'LL HARDLY BE ABLE TO WRITE HIS NAME ON HIS EXAM IF WE DON'T GET SOME FOOD INTO HIM!
LEAVING HIS NAME OFF THE TEST MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA...
LISTEN, I'VE GOT A REAL PROBLEM! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH DADDY--HE WAS ACTING VERY STRANGE THIS MORNING!
TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW--YOUR DAD IS ALWAYS STRANGE.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, IT'S NOT JUST THAT--
--WHEN HE LEFT, HE STORMED OUT OF THE HOUSE AND INTO SOME STRANGE VAN!
I'M SURE EVERYTHING'S FINE, RONNIE. MAYBE WE CAN CHECK ON HIM LATER?
YEAH, WE'RE ALREADY IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE EMERGENCY. SEE FOR YOURSELF--!
JUGHEAD, WHO'S THE CURRENT PRESIDENT?
FRENCH FRIES.
WE NEED TO GET SOME FOOD INTO HIM RIGHT AWAY! HE'LL BE GROUNDED ALL WEEKEND IF HE CAN'T PULL OFF A D ON THIS TEST!
BUT--BUT GUYS.
I'M REALLY WORRIED.

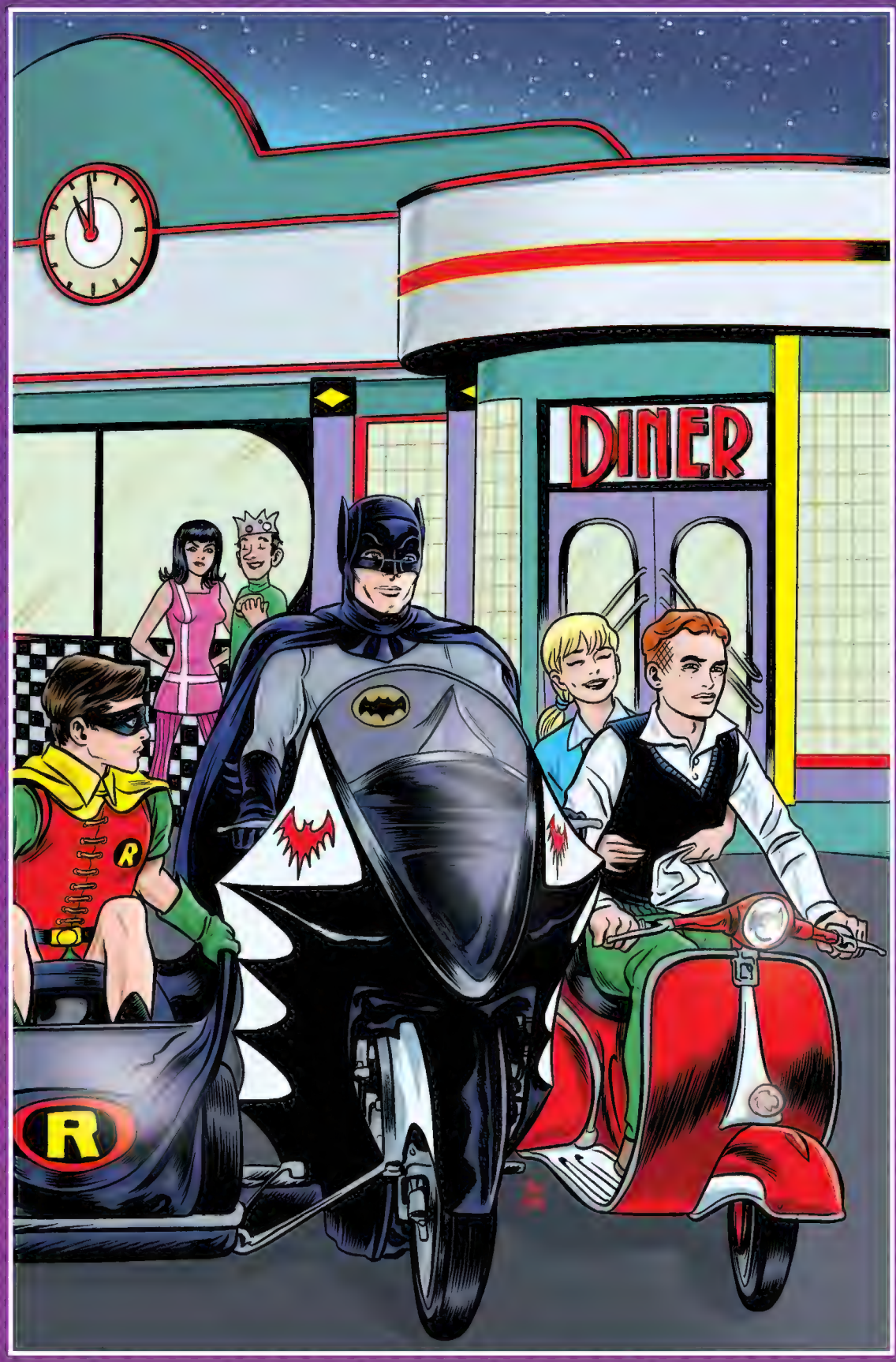
...I'VE JUST NEVER SEEN DADDY SO UPSET FOR NO REASON. AND JUST THE MOMENT BEFORE, IT WAS LIKE HE WASN'T EVEN THERE. KIND OF LIKE, WELL...
RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
...KIND OF LIKE HOW *YOU'RE* ACTING RIGHT *NOW*.
YES, YES... ACTING. A NOBLE PURSUIT...
CHIEF, ARE YOU HEARING ME? CAN YOU HELP DADDY?
Oh, YES... YES.
YES YOU CAN *HEAR* ME, OR YES YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT *DADDY*?
MMM-HMM.
GREAT, THANKS...FOR *NOTHING!*
HAS THIS WHOLE *TOWN* GONE *CRAZY?!*


I JUST KNOW SOMETHING IS GOING ON. FIRST DADDY, THEN THE POLICE CHIEF. THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE WHO WILL LISTEN AND--
LEND A HAND.
HI THERE, DILTON-- NEW INVENTION?
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN HEARING THAT SHEILA'S BEEN LOOKING FOR A DATE FOR THIS WEEKEND'S FESTIVAL PARADE.
IF ONLY I KNEW SOMEONE ELSE WHO NEEDED A DATE...
WELL...I...I SUPPOSE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT I COULD BE HER DATE, I MEAN, IF SOMEONE WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD...
THEN IT'S SETTLED!
BUT I'M GOING TO NEED A TEENSY FAVOR FROM YOU FIRST.


...AND IF CHIEF KELLER IS ACTING STRANGE TOO, THEN WE CAN'T RELY ON POLICE. THAT MEANS WE'LL NEED OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
DILTON, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOU NEED MY HELP. WELL, I CAN'T HELP YOU...
...WITHOUT MY EQUIPMENT. AND I THINK I HAVE JUST THE THING.
I'VE BEEN PICKING UP TRANSMISSIONS FROM A FEW HOURS EAST, SPECIFICALLY THE CHATTER BETWEEN THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND--
Ah-HA! THIS SHOULD BE THE PROPER FREQUENCY.
GO AHEAD, YOU'RE ON.
Umm... OKAY.
HELLO? CAN ANYONE HEAR ME? THIS IS VERONICA LODGE OF RIVERDALE, AND I...I NEED SOMEONE'S HELP.
WELL, VERONICA LODGE OF RIVERDALE, YOU'VE REACHED THE RIGHT PLACE.

YOUNG CITIZEN, YOU'VE MANAGED TO DO SOMETHING ONLY GOTHAM'S POLICE COMMISSIONER AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE EVER DONE...
...BECAUSE THEY HAVE A HOTLINE TO THIS SECRET LAB. YOU HAVE REACHED...
THE BATCAVE.
BATMAN SPEAKING. HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE?
KEEP OFF ATOMIC PILE

# CHAPTER TWO



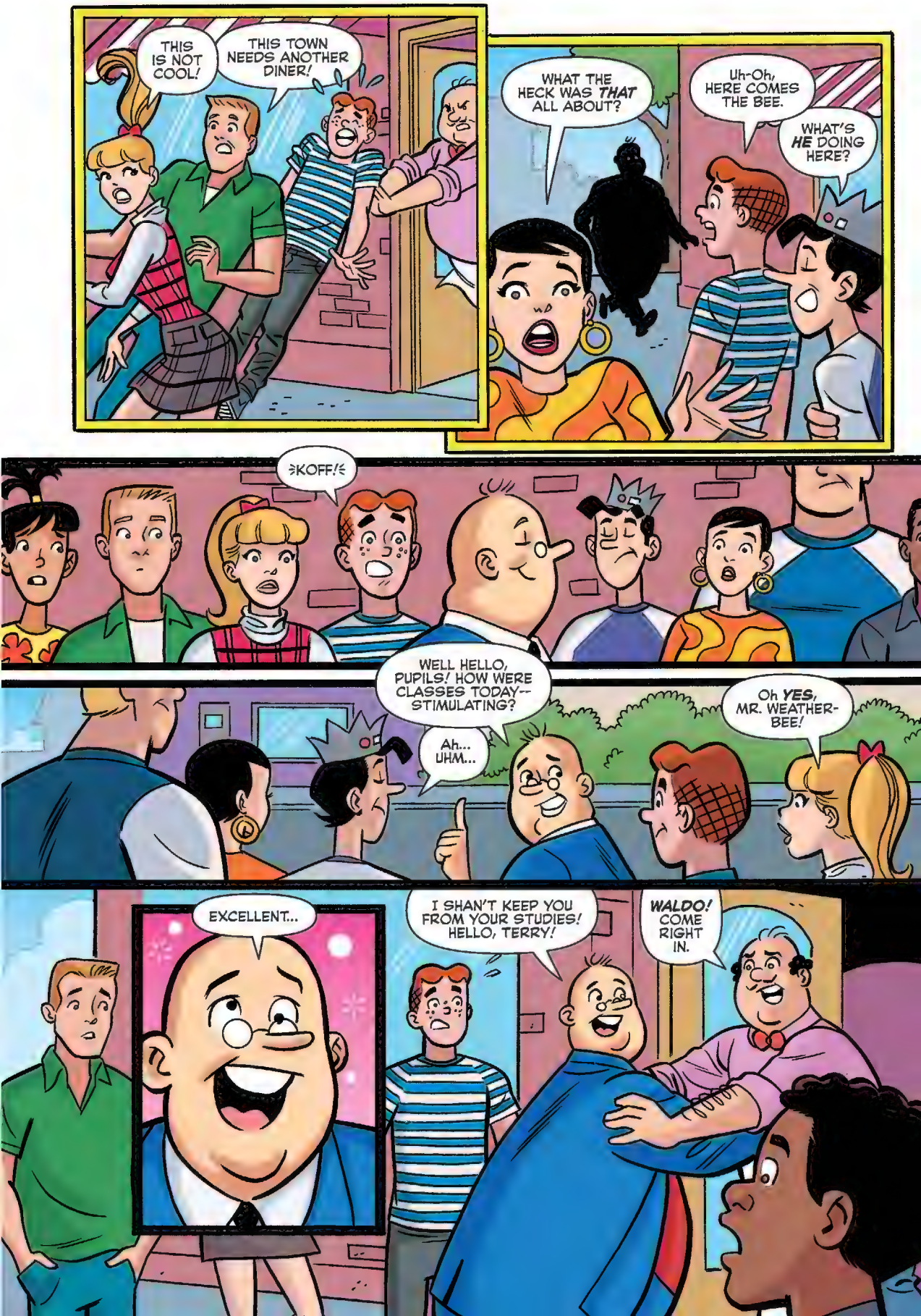
HOLY PARENTAL PANIC, BATMAN!
PARENTAL PANIC INDEED, ROBIN. BUT WE NEED TO BE STEADY AND THINK THIS THROUGH.
THINK WHAT THROUGH? SOMETHING BAD IS HAPPENING IN RIVERDALE, AND WE HAVE TO GO STOP IT.
YOU'RE RIGHT ON BOTH COUNTS, BATGIRL. BUT...
...UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST, IT WOULD BE HASTY TO MAKE A MOVE JUST YET. AND RIVERDALE ISN'T GOTHAM--THERE'S SIMPLY TOO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW.

WE DO KNOW THAT WHATEVER'S HAPPENING HAS AFFECTED AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE SO FAR-- HIRAM LODGE AND POLICE CHIEF KELLER.
YES, AND HIRAM LODGE IS A VERY POWERFUL MAN, MUCH LIKE THE POLICE CHIEF. THAT'S ONE THING THEY SHARE IN COMMON.
AND THEY'RE BOTH PARENTS, ACCORDING TO WHAT VERONICA TOLD US.
POWERFUL PARENTS IN PERIL... BUT WHO COULD BE BEHIND IT? AND WHY?
BOOKWORM IS STILL AT LARGE, BUT I'M CONFIDENT I CAN BRING HIM TO JUSTICE ON MY OWN.
BUT BATMAN! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT FIENDISH PLOT BOOKWORM WILL CONCOCT NEXT! I COULDN'T LET YOU FACE HIM ALONE.
I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, OLD CHUM. BUT I WON'T BE TRULY ALONE...
...I'LL HAVE ALFRED WITH ME.
Hmmm? SIR?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO UNCOVER WHO'S BEHIND THIS PLOT-- SUBTERFUGE.
THAT'S WHY I'M SENDING THE BOTH OF YOU ON THE MOST ESSENTIAL ESCAPADE...

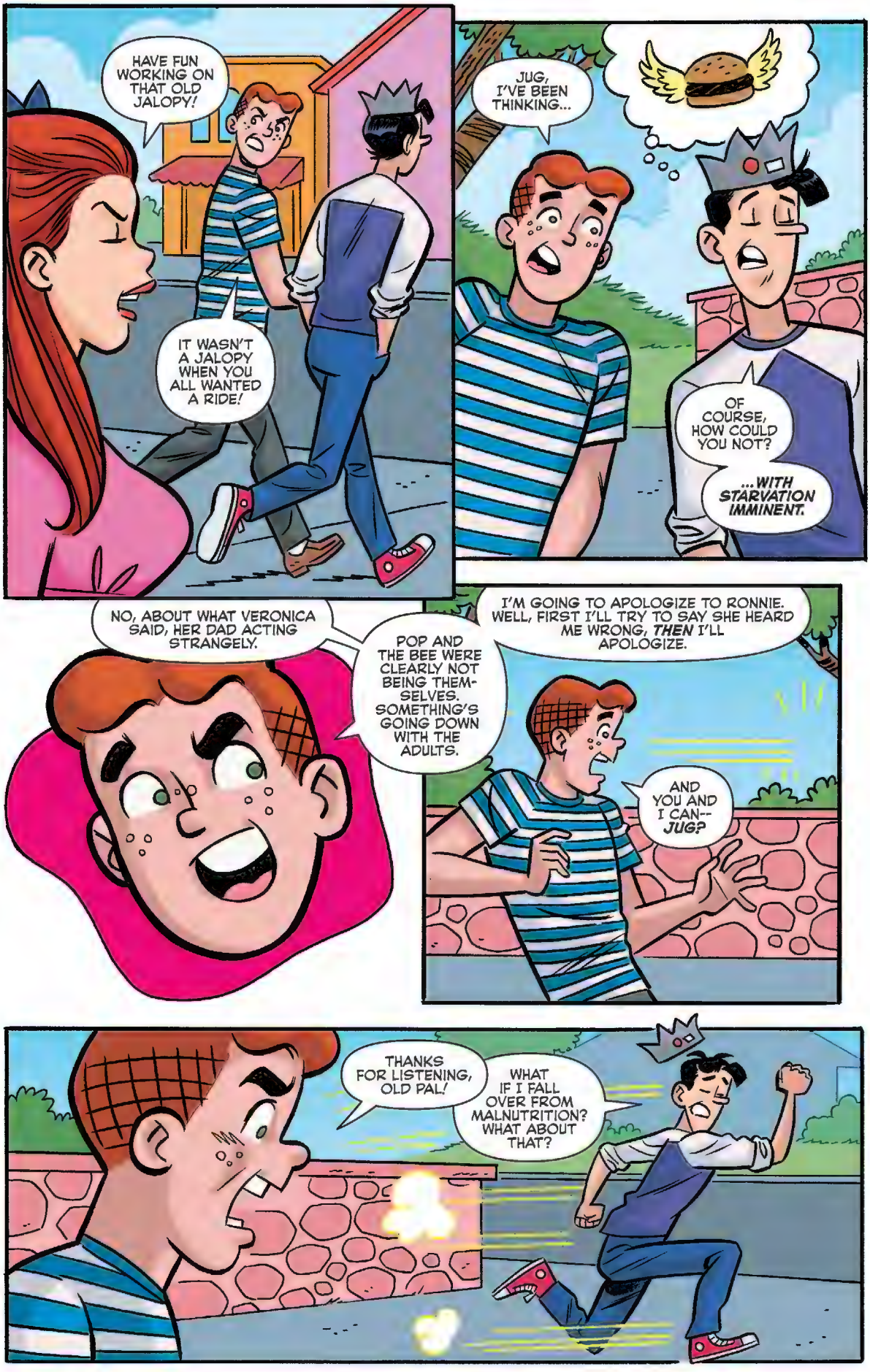
...YOU MUST INFILTRATE RIVERDALE HIGH AS ITS NEWEST STUDENTS!
YOU'LL HAVE TO HOLD ON TIGHT DURING THE RIDE TO RIVERDALE. BUT DON'T WORRY...
...I WON'T DRIVE MY MOTORCYCLE TOO FAST.

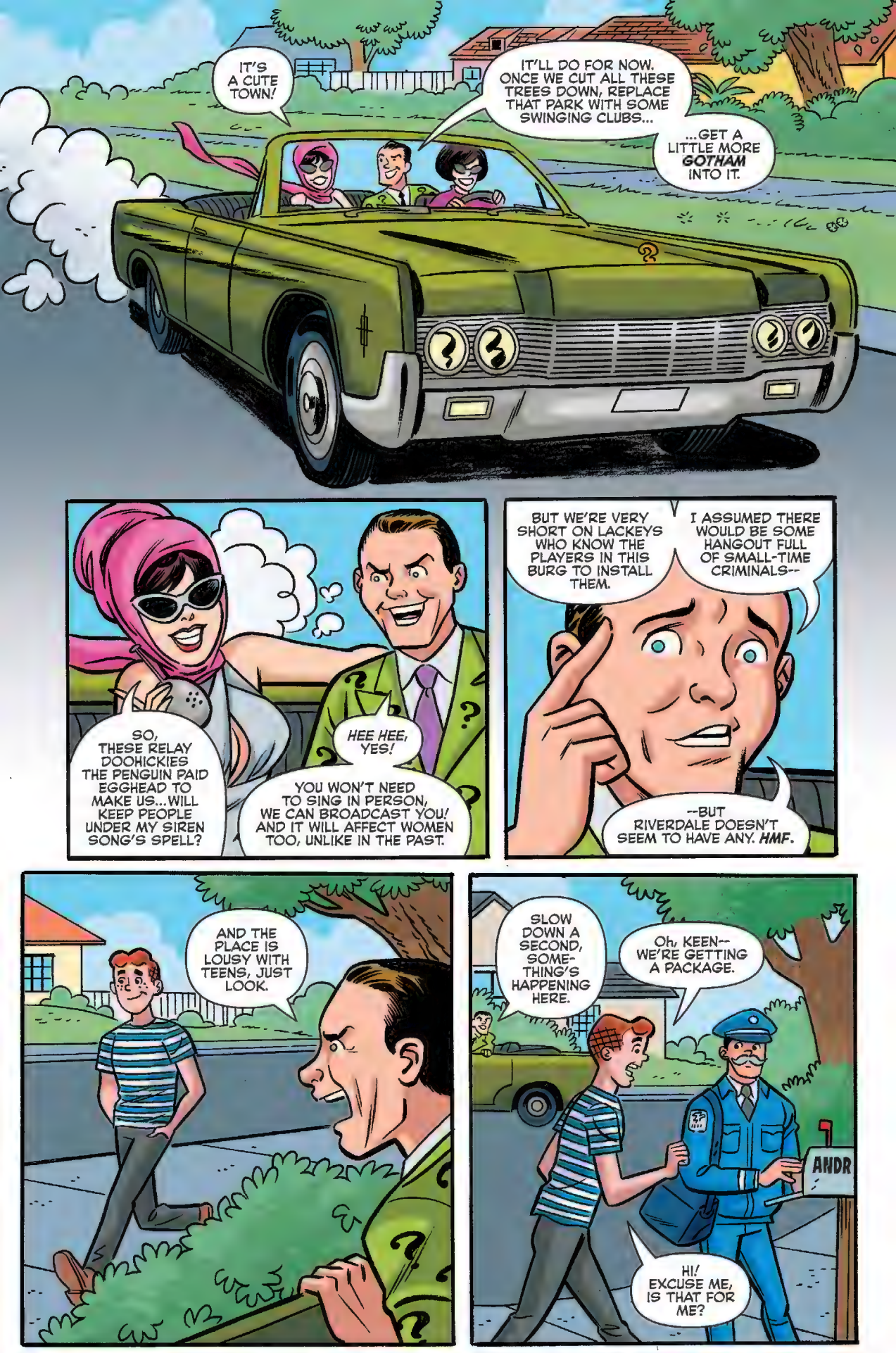
MEANWHILE IN RIVERDALE, SCHOOL HAS LET OUT FOR THE DAY!
POP'S
--AHHH HONEY HONEY--
--YOU ARE MY CANDY GIRL--
--AND YOU GOT ME WANTING YOU!
Hmm, WE'VE PLAYED THIS ONE TOO MUCH. NOT GOOD FOR DANCING...
...WHO TOOK MY ZOMBIES ALBUM?

SCRRRRAAAATCHHZWTT
HEY!
POP'S
WHAT GIVES, POP? NO, DON'T!
SNAP
I'M TRYING TO SERVE FOOD TO THE PUBLIC HERE! NOT HOST DANCE PARTIES FOR TEENAGERS!
BUT...WE'RE YOUR MOST LOYAL CUSTOMERS!
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER EVEN SEEN A NON-TEEN IN HERE BESIDES YOU, POP!
I'M GOING FOR A NEW CLIENTELE!
JOKER-BURGERS?
SLAP


THIS IS NOT COOL!
THIS TOWN NEEDS ANOTHER DINER!
WHAT THE HECK WAS *THAT* ALL ABOUT?
Uh-Oh, HERE COMES THE BEE.
WHAT'S *HE* DOING HERE?
=KOFF!=
WELL HELLO, PUPILS! HOW WERE CLASSES TODAY-- STIMULATING?
Ah... UHM...
Oh *YES*, MR. WEATHER-BEE!
EXCELLENT...
I SHAN'T KEEP YOU FROM YOUR STUDIES! HELLO, TERRY!
*WALDO!* COME RIGHT IN.

THE BEE WAS NICE TO US.
AND... HE'S EATING AT POP'S?!
POP HAS A NAME BESIDES POP?
WAIT, CAN I JUST GET A BURGER TO--
Huh?!
SHUNK
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
I SINGLE-HANDEDLY KEEP POP IN BUSINESS, WHY WOULD HE KICK ME OUT?
I CAN'T DEAL WITH JONES ON BURGER WITHDRAWAL, TIME TO GO. HEY, ARCHIE--CAN WE CATCH A RIDE HOME?
HE HASN'T DRIVEN ALL WEEK, CHERYL.
I TOOK OFF MY CARBURETOR-- BUT I'M GETTING A NEW ONE, IT SHOULD ARRIVE ANY DAY!
HE ONLY MENTIONED IT IN EVERY CLASS WE HAVE TO-GETHER.
POP


HAVE FUN WORKING ON THAT OLD JALOPY!
IT WASN'T A JALOPY WHEN YOU ALL WANTED A RIDE!
JUG, I'VE BEEN THINKING...
OF COURSE, HOW COULD YOU NOT?
...WITH STARVATION IMMINENT.
I'M GOING TO APOLOGIZE TO RONNIE. WELL, FIRST I'LL TRY TO SAY SHE HEARD ME WRONG, THEN I'LL APOLOGIZE.
AND YOU AND I CAN-- JUG?
NO, ABOUT WHAT VERONICA SAID, HER DAD ACTING STRANGELY.
POP AND THE BEE WERE CLEARLY NOT BEING THEMSELVES. SOMETHING'S GOING DOWN WITH THE ADULTS.
THANKS FOR LISTENING, OLD PAL!
WHAT IF I FALL OVER FROM MALNUTRITION? WHAT ABOUT THAT?

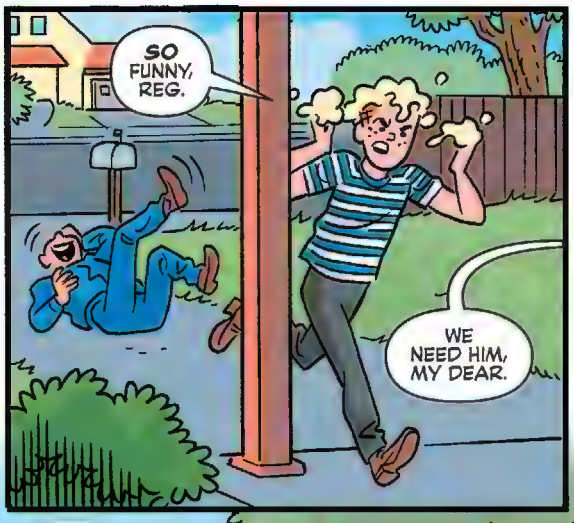

IT'S A CUTE TOWN!
IT'LL DO FOR NOW. ONCE WE CUT ALL THESE TREES DOWN, REPLACE THAT PARK WITH SOME SWINGING CLUBS...
...GET A LITTLE MORE GOTHAM INTO IT.
SO, THESE RELAY DOOHICKIES THE PENGUIN PAID EGGHEAD TO MAKE US...WILL KEEP PEOPLE UNDER MY SIREN SONG'S SPELL?
HEE HEE, YES!
YOU WON'T NEED TO SING IN PERSON, WE CAN BROADCAST YOU! AND IT WILL AFFECT WOMEN TOO, UNLIKE IN THE PAST.
BUT WE'RE VERY SHORT ON LACKEYS WHO KNOW THE PLAYERS IN THIS BURG TO INSTALL THEM.
I ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE SOME HANGOUT FULL OF SMALL-TIME CRIMINALS--
--BUT RIVERDALE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY. HMF.
AND THE PLACE IS LOUSY WITH TEENS, JUST LOOK.
SLOW DOWN A SECOND, SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE.
Oh, KEEN-- WE'RE GETTING A PACKAGE.
ANDR
HI! EXCUSE ME, IS THAT FOR ME?

ARE YOU A. ANDREWS?
THIS SIDE UP
A.ANDREWS
THAT'S ME, THE A IS FOR ARCHIE!
THAT'S MY CARBURETOR! HOT DOG!
SIGN HERE, PLEASE.
Oh, BOY! Oh, BOY!
CAN'T WAIT, EH? YOU CAN USE MY BOX CUTTER.
GEE, THANKS, SIR!
THIS SIDE UP
A.ANDREWS
THIS IS REALLY GOING TO WAKE UP MY OLD ENGINE! IF I CAN GET BETTY TO HELP ME PUT IT IN...
HAHA HA-!!
SPLAT

US MAIL
Oh MAN, I WISH I'D GOTTEN A PICTURE OF THAT!
BLURH-- REGGIE?!

HA HA! DID YOU SEE THAT?!
THAT KID'S A NATURAL!

YOU JERK! YOU EVEN USED COCONUT PIE, WHICH I DON'T LIKE!
HOO HOO HEEE...! YOU WOULDN'T SHUT UP ABOUT YOUR PACKAGE, YOU WERE ASKING FOR IT!


SO FUNNY, REG.
WE NEED HIM, MY DEAR.

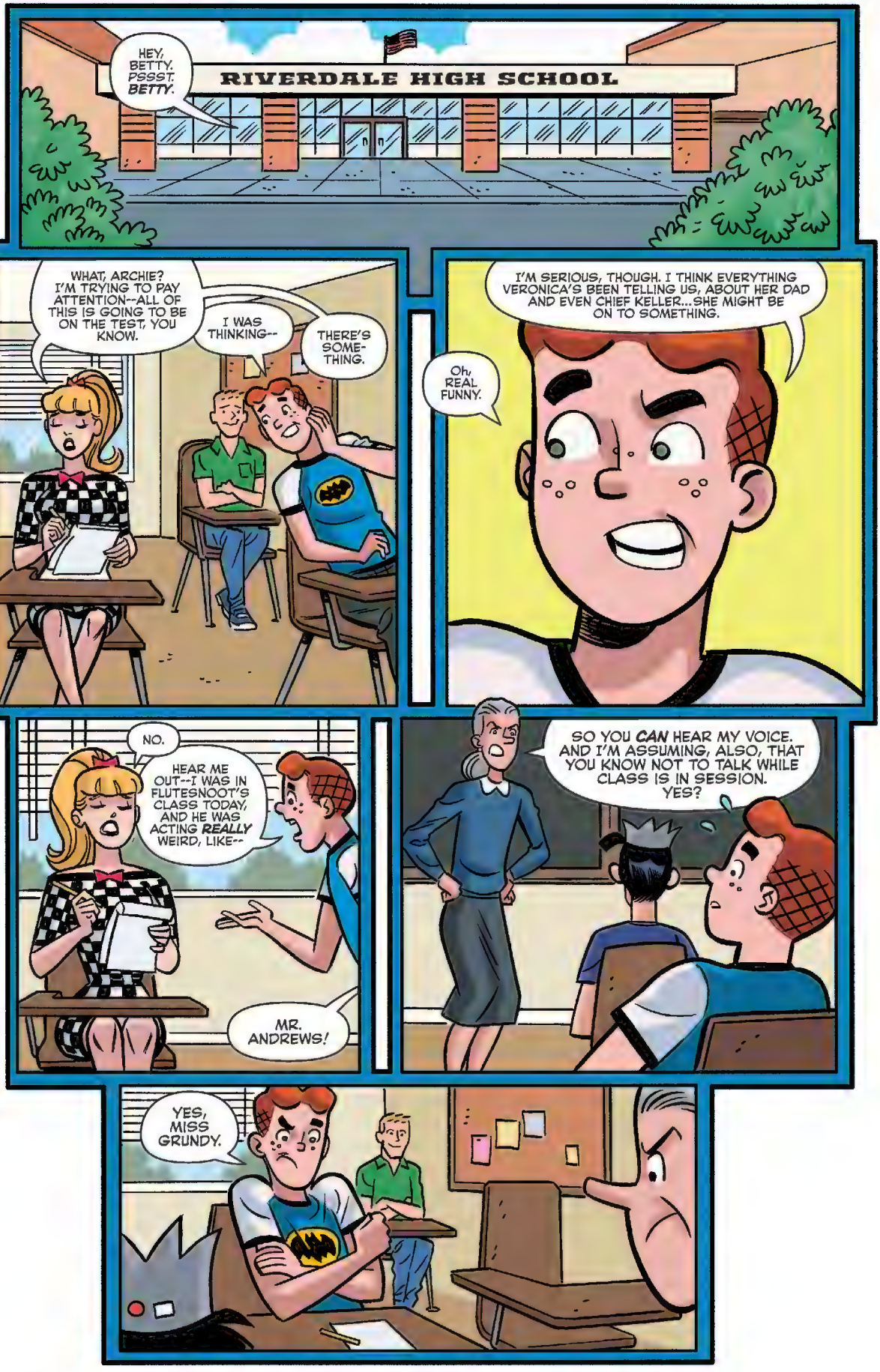
YOOOOUU... WILL DO JUST SWELLLL... UNDER MY SPELLL...
...A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIIIIMME... WILL BE COMMITTING CRIIIIIMME....

Uh SIR, IS YOUR WIFE OKAY?
IXNAY! WE'LL DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.
SHE JUST LOVES TO SING. AND I LOVE THAT PERFECTLY EXECUTED PRANK YOU JUST PULLED! MAY I HEAR SOME DETAILS?
LET'S SEE. I MADE A NOTE IN MY PRANK JOURNAL WHEN ARCHIE SAID HE HATES COCONUTS ON FEBRUARY 4TH.
I MADE THE PIE IN HOME EC, AND I GOT THE SPRING FROM SHOP CLASS.
PERFECT... I...I MAY HAVE FOUND SOMEONE TO TAKE UP MY MANTLE.
MANTLE? THAT'S MY NAME, REGGIE MANTLE!
GOOD TO MEET YOU, REGGIE-- YOU'RE A YOUNG MAN WITH A GREAT FUTURE!
THAT'S WHAT I TELL EVERYONE!
YOU HAVE A PRETTY GOOD BEAD ON THE PEOPLE OF RIVERDALE?
I KNOW EVERYBODY WHO'S ANYBODY!
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU MAKE SOME EASY MONEY USING YOUR SKILLS?
TELL ME MORE, MYSTERY MAN!

I'M DELIGHTED YOU ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY ME. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE IT'S BEEN JUST THE TWO OF US.
I LIVE FOR ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT, SIR.
INDEED YOU DO, ALFRED. INDEED YOU DO.
Ah, HERE WE ARE. THE LABYRINTH. THE BOOKWORM IS KNOWN TO FREQUENT THIS ESTABLISHMENT.
LABYRINTH
IF WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP HIS TRAIL, THIS IS AS GOOD OF A START AS ANY.
KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, ALFRED. IF BOOKWORM HAS TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, IT'S THAT THE WORLD OF RARE BOOKS CAN BE A DANGER--
PARDON ME, MADAM.
EXCUSE ME, SIR. PERHAPS YOU CAN BE OF--
WHAT IS THIS?!
THIS... THIS IS FUNNY MONEY!

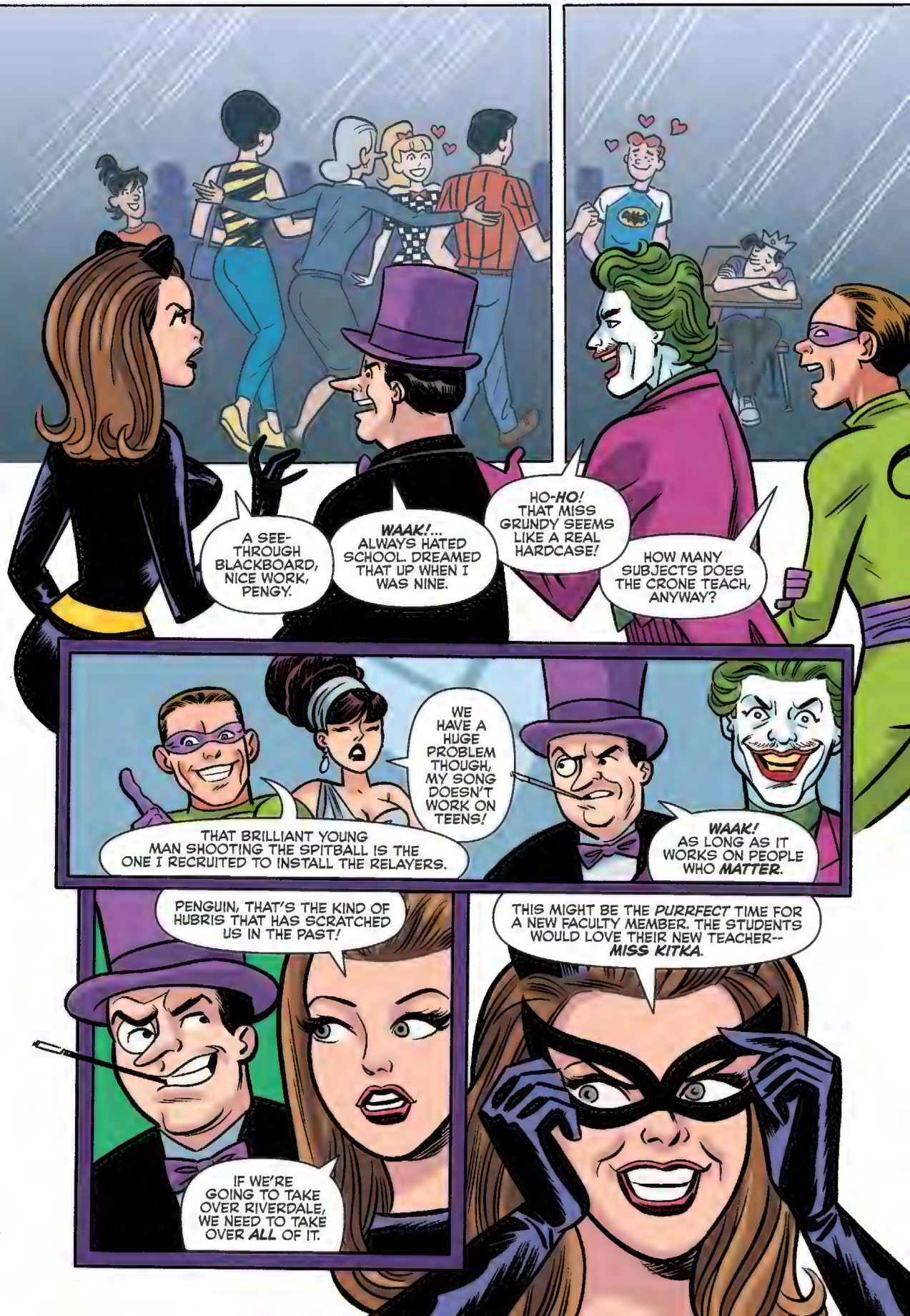
THE WOMAN WHO WAS JUST IN HERE, SHE GAVE IT TO ME! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!
ALFRED, AFTER HER!
SIR, OVER THERE!
SHE'S GOING TO GET AWAY!
NOT IF I CAN STOP IT.
ALFRED, GET TO THE CAR AND STAY ON HER TAIL.
I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

I'VE TOLD ROBIN THIS COUNTLESS TIMES, AND THE WORDS NEVER FAIL TO BE TRUE...
...IT ALWAYS PAYS TO BE PREPARED.
FOR ANY-THING.
NOW...
VA-ROOOOM!
...TO FIND OUR "FUNNY MONEY" FRIEND AND DISCOVER WHAT BOOKWORM IS UP TO THIS TIME.


HEY, BETTY. PSSST. BETTY.
RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL
WHAT, ARCHIE? I'M TRYING TO PAY ATTENTION--ALL OF THIS IS GOING TO BE ON THE TEST, YOU KNOW.
I WAS THINKING--
THERE'S SOME-THING.
I'M SERIOUS, THOUGH. I THINK EVERYTHING VERONICA'S BEEN TELLING US, ABOUT HER DAD AND EVEN CHIEF KELLER...SHE MIGHT BE ON TO SOMETHING.
Oh, REAL FUNNY.
NO.
HEAR ME OUT--I WAS IN FLUTESNOOT'S CLASS TODAY, AND HE WAS ACTING REALLY WEIRD, LIKE--
MR. ANDREWS!
SO YOU CAN HEAR MY VOICE. AND I'M ASSUMING, ALSO, THAT YOU KNOW NOT TO TALK WHILE CLASS IS IN SESSION. YES?
YES, MISS GRUNDY.

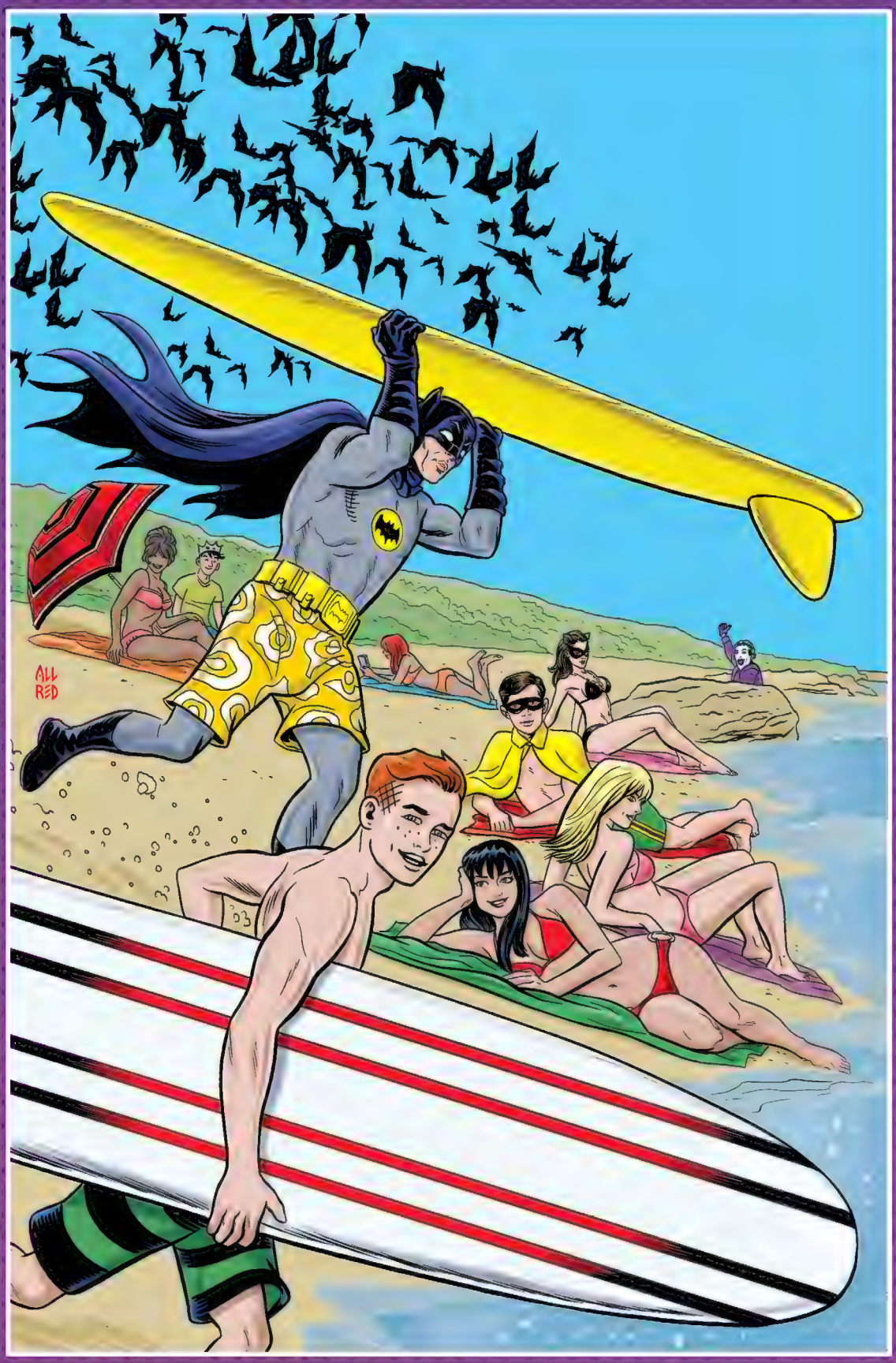
JUGHEAD-- JUGHEAD, WAKE UP.
BUT I DON'T WANNA GO TO SCHOOL...
JUGHEAD, YOU ARE IN SCHOOL.
THEN THIS IS THE WORST DREAM...
C'MON, JUGHEAD. I NEED YOUR HELP.
I THINK VERONICA IS RIGHT. I THINK SOMETHING IS GOING ON. FIRST IT WAS MR. LODGE, THEN POP, THEN MR. WEATHERBEE ACTING NICE TO ME AND--
MISTER! ANDREWS!
IF I HAVE TO WARN YOU ONE MORE TIME, YOU'LL BE FACING DETENTION FOR--
¿Ahem?-- EXCUSE US. MISS GRUNDY?

I'M DICK GRAYSON.
I'M BARBARA GORDON.
WE WERE TOLD TO COME HERE FOR HOME-ROOM. ARE WE IN THE RIGHT PLACE?
YES, OF COURSE. THE NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS!
CLASS, I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO YOUR NEW CLASSMATES, HAILING FROM GOTHAM CITY.
BARBARA GORDON.
WOW.
AND DICK GRAYSON.
WOW.
YOU CAN SIT HERE, BARBARA!
YOU CAN SIT HERE, DICK!


A SEE-THROUGH BLACKBOARD, NICE WORK, PENGY.
WAAK!... ALWAYS HATED SCHOOL. DREAMED THAT UP WHEN I WAS NINE.
HO-HO! THAT MISS GRUNDY SEEMS LIKE A REAL HARDCASE!
HOW MANY SUBJECTS DOES THE CRONE TEACH, ANYWAY?
THAT BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN SHOOTING THE SPITBALL IS THE ONE I RECRUITED TO INSTALL THE RELAYERS.
WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM THOUGH, MY SONG DOESN'T WORK ON TEENS!
WAAK! AS LONG AS IT WORKS ON PEOPLE WHO MATTER.
PENGUIN, THAT'S THE KIND OF HUBRIS THAT HAS SCRATCHED US IN THE PAST!
IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER RIVERDALE, WE NEED TO TAKE OVER ALL OF IT.
THIS MIGHT BE THE PURRFECT TIME FOR A NEW FACULTY MEMBER. THE STUDENTS WOULD LOVE THEIR NEW TEACHER-- MISS KITKA.

YOU'RE ALL GIVING UP ON MIND-CONTROL TOO QUICKLY!
CIRCE HAS HONED HER VOICE OVER THE YEARS TO WOO GROWN MEN, IT WON'T WORK, JOKER!
BAH!
THEIR YOUNG MINDS ARE MALLEABLE!
LIKE ACNE-RIDDEN CLAY, WE CAN SHAPE THEM! WE JUST NEED A TEST SUBJECT.
THERE, THE ONE WHO KEEPS FALLING ASLEEP, WHO GRUNDY HATES TO CALL ON...
...THE BOY WITH THE BEANIE!
NO ONE WILL MISS THAT KID!
HAHA! HO HO HO! HEEEE!!
Oh, NO! Youth of Riverdale, beware! The most powerful villains in the world have set their sights on YOU!

# CHAPTER THREE



WAK! THIS IS GOING EVEN BETTER THAN PLANNED. I ONLY WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT AN EASY MARK RIVERDALE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOONER!
POPS
15¢
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, PENGUIN. YOU'RE NOT THE ONE STRAINING YOUR VOICE CONTROLLING ALL THESE "MARKS" OF YOURS.
DON'T YOU WORRY-- WE'LL BE GETTING THAT POWERFUL VOICE OF YOURS RECORDED ON VINYL SOON ENOUGH. WAK!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE MEDDLING KIDS-- THEY'RE EVERYWHERE, AND SIREN'S SONG ISN'T HAVING ANY EFFECT ON THEM.
Oh, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO CONTROL A BUNCH OF TEEN-AGERS.
SHE'S RIGHT, JOKER. TAKE MY PROTÉGÉ, FOR EXAMPLE.

JUST LOOK AT HIM OUT THERE, MINDLESSLY DOING WHAT HE'S TOLD IN EXCHANGE FOR PERSONAL GAIN.
PHONE
HE'S LIKE THE SON I NEVER HAD. OR WANTED.
I'D BE CAREFUL WHEN DEALING WITH THE KIDS IN THIS TOWN. BELIEVE ME, THEY MAKE A LOT OF THINGS HAPPEN AROUND HERE.
Oh, THE SCARY CHILDREN! I'M SO FRIGHTENED OF A GROUP OF TEENAGE--
NOK NOK
GET RID OF THEM--AND TELL THEM TO STAY AWAY! WAK! WE'RE CONDUCTING BUSINESS HERE!
THEY NEVER QUIT. THEY NEVER, EVER...

WE CAN SMELL YOU COOKING BURGERS IN THERE, POP! ANY FOR US?
NO! GO AWAY!
POP!
LOOK WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO ME! I CAN'T SLEEP! I CAN'T STUDY!
YOU NEVER STUDY!
C'MON, POP! HAVE A HEART!
NO KIDS! NOW SCRAM!
SLAM
POP'S

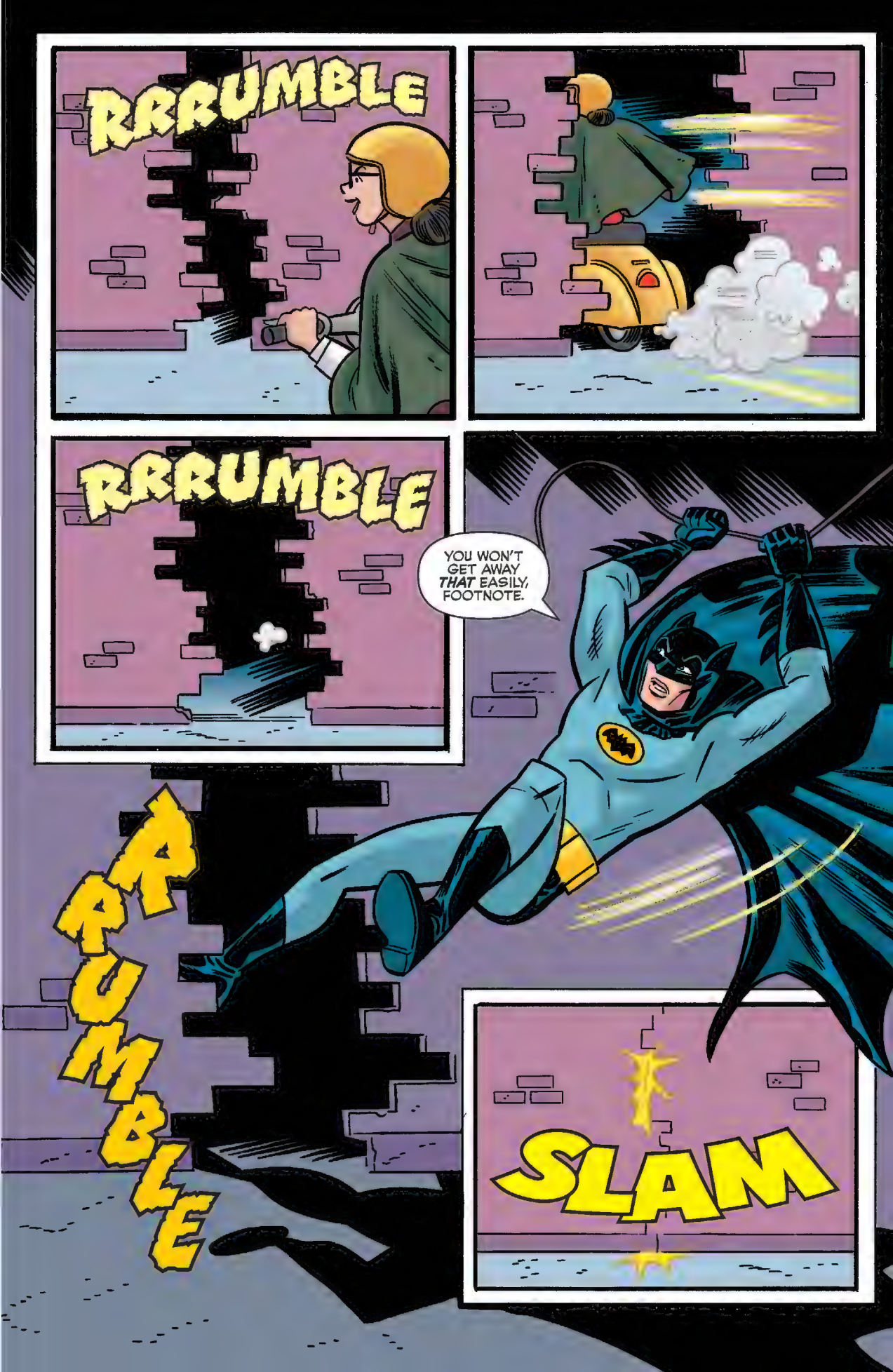
POP, I BEG YOU--ANYTHING! A BUN WITH GREASE ON IT--AND A PICKLE...
THIS IS WEIRD AND WRONG. AND WEIRD AGAIN.
I THOUGHT WE'D JUST CAUGHT POP ON A BAD DAY, I NEVER EXPECTED HE'D STILL BE BANISHING US--
--Oh, NO.
I MADE A BIG DEAL OF HOW FUN POP'S WAS TO THE NEW KIDS...
...AND NOW THEY'RE HERE.
VRM VRMM VRRMMMBBBRRR
HI, GANG! THANKS FOR WAITING FOR US!
HOW ARE THE MALTEDS HERE?
BARBARA! DICK! NICE BIKE!
ENERAL TORE
UPS POST OFFICE
:Sniff: THEY'RE LIKE AMBROSIA...
VRRRMMMMBRBBRBR

Ah... Y'KNOW, WE JUST CHANGED OUR MINDS. THERE'S A MORE FUN THING WE COULD DO!
Oh? WE HOPED TO MEET MORE OF THE KIDS HERE.
HONE
DON'T WORRY! I JUST NEED TO MAKE A QUICK CALL! BETTY, DIMES!
DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY, LIKE GO INTO POP'S!
RONNIE? I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR DAD.
YEAH, I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE YOU!
ONE THING, THOUGH, AND I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE SHORT NOTICE...
ARCHIE KEEPS MAKING MORE PHONE CALLS. IS THERE A PROBLEM?
IS IT ABOUT JUGHEAD-- DOES HE NEED A DOCTOR?
Oh, NO. HE'S FINE.
I'M NOT FINE--I'M STARVING!
}WHEW!{ YOU DID IT, ANDREWS!
THAT'S WEIRD, I DON'T REMEMBER SOME LITTLE EGG ON THIS BOOTH.

CHANGE OF PLANS! LOTS OF THE KIDS ARE GETTING TOGETHER OVER AT VERONICA'S!
WE'RE UP FOR ANYTHING! WHAT'S THE ADDRESS?
Uh, WE COULD JUST SHOW YOU IF WE COULD RIDE ALONG. MY CAR IS WAITING ON PARTS.
WE COULD SQUEEZE TWO MORE PEOPLE, BUT THERE'S THREE.
YOU GUYS GO AHEAD, I'M GOING TO LOOK INTO SOMETHING.
COOL! A SIDECAR!
HEAD UPHILL, TO THE NICE PART OF TOWN.
HOLD ON TIGHT, I DON'T HAVE EXTRA HELMETS!
THERE'S A BOTTOM TO THIS, AND I'M GETTING TO IT.
VRRRMMMMBRBBRBR

HEY!
RRUUMMM
YOU DARN KIDS!
VA-ROOOOM
PARDON ME, SIR.
FOOTNOTE, THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS. GIVE THIS UP BEFORE YOU GET YOURSELF HURT.
WHAT'S WRONG, BATMAN? AFRAID OF A LITTLE DANGER?

RRRRMMMM
WHOOO!
SCREECH
SEE YOU AROUND, BATMAN.
DEET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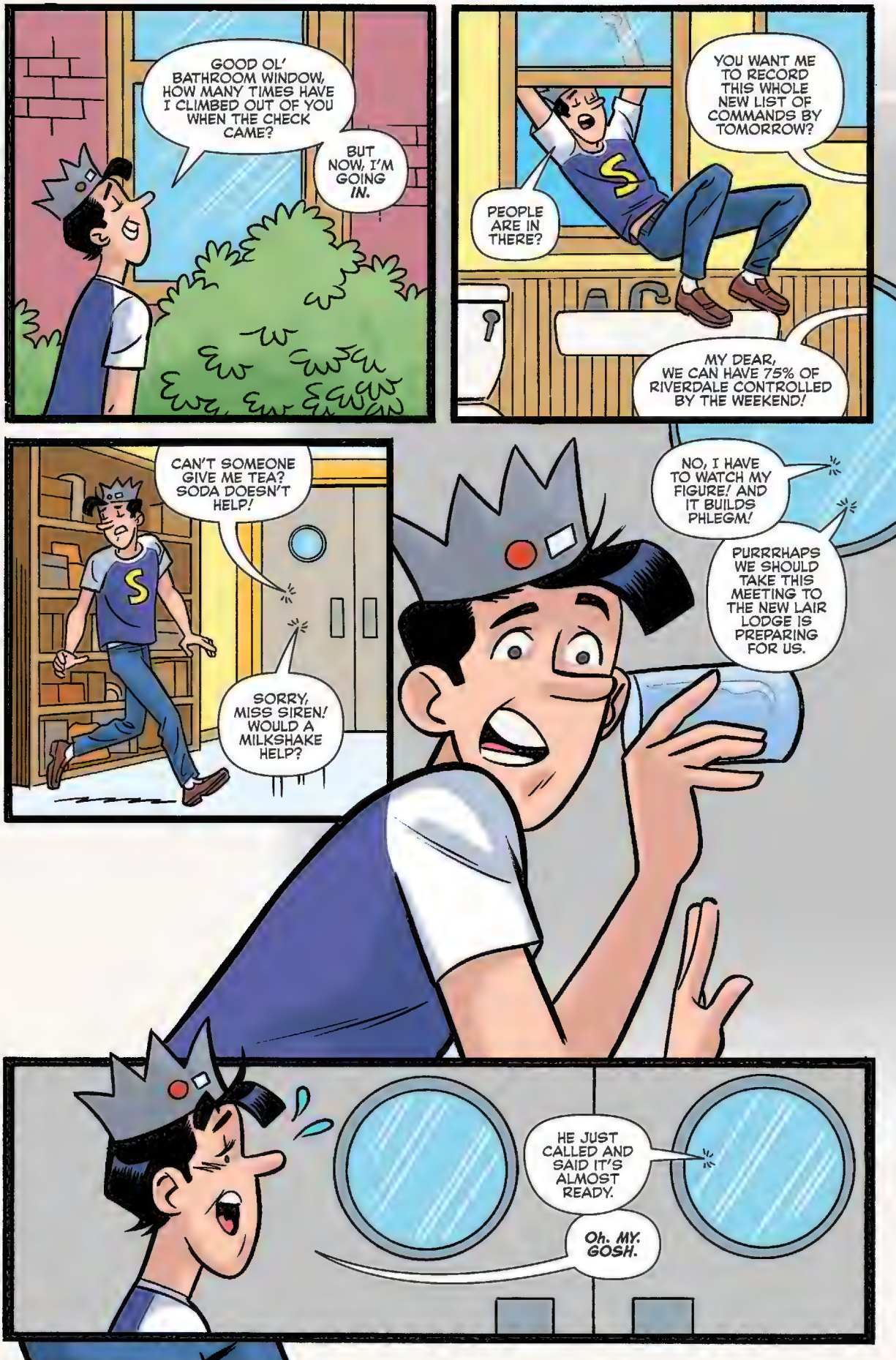
YOU WON'T GET AWAY *THAT* EASILY, FOOTNOTE.
RRUMBLE
SLAM


GOOD OL' BATHROOM WINDOW, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I CLIMBED OUT OF YOU WHEN THE CHECK CAME?
BUT NOW, I'M GOING IN.
YOU WANT ME TO RECORD THIS WHOLE NEW LIST OF COMMANDS BY TOMORROW?
PEOPLE ARE IN THERE?
MY DEAR, WE CAN HAVE 75% OF RIVERDALE CONTROLLED BY THE WEEKEND!
CAN'T SOMEONE GIVE ME TEA? SODA DOESN'T HELP!
SORRY, MISS SIREN! WOULD A MILKSHAKE HELP?
NO, I HAVE TO WATCH MY FIGURE! AND IT BUILDS PHLEGM!
PURRRHAPS WE SHOULD TAKE THIS MEETING TO THE NEW LAIR LODGE IS PREPARING FOR US.
HE JUST CALLED AND SAID IT'S ALMOST READY.
Oh. MY. GOSH.

Oh, IF THIS WERE GOTHAM, EVERYWHERE WOULD HAVE MY TEA AND HONEY.
WAAAK! I STILL DON'T LIKE ONLY CONTROLLING THE ADULTS, I WANT THE WHOLE TOWN ON BOARD WITH THE UNITED UNDERWORLD!
I TOLD YOU, PENGUIN, THE PROFESSOR HAS TRIED EVERY FREQUENCY, IT JUST DOESN'T WORK ON KIDS!
Oh, HAHA, THAT'S NOT WHO YOU NEED. DILTON IS THE ONE WHO CAN SOLVE YOUR TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES!
PLAY THAT BACK, SODA JERK. WHAT IS THIS DILTON OF WHICH YOU SPEAK?

DILTON DOILEY, THE GENIUS OF RIVERDALE! HE'LL FIX YOUR BROADCAST THINGY!
V-V-V-VILLAINS.
BAT-VILLAINS.
GOTTA GO TELL THE GANG ABOUT THIS! THIS IS BIG! BIGGER THAN BURGERS, SOME-HOW!
WOKK
URK!
WELL, WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF FINDING HIM.
THE STUDIOUS MISTER JONES.
AH HAHA HAHA
HA HA HA HA!!

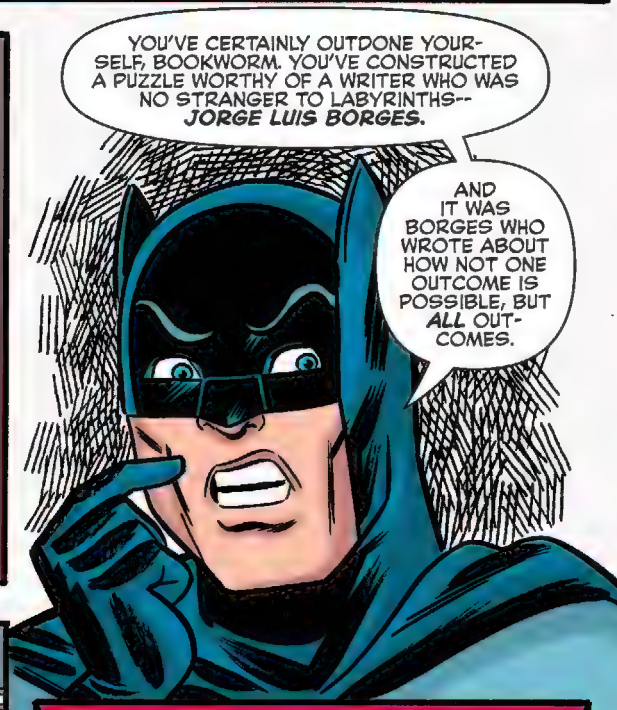
ARCHIE SAID YOU WOULDN'T BE PREPARED SO HERE'S SOME SWIMWEAR!
BARBARA LOOKS ABOUT MY SIZE, AND BOYS CAN WEAR WHATEVER.
GOSH!
THANKS, VERONICA.
--AND THOSE TWO ARE DRIFTERS, JUST BLEW INTO TOWN.
I DIDN'T AUTHORIZE THIS! AND WHO ARE THESE TWO?
Uh-Oh.
I'M DICK GRAYSON, SIR--FROM GOTHAM CITY. THIS IS BAR--
GRAYSON, YOU SAY? AS IN...THE WARD OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE?!?
THAT'S HIM, ALL RIGHT.

SO MR. LODGE INVITED US TO A PARTY AFTER THE RIVERDALE PARADE THIS WEEKEND.
WHATEVER IS AFFECTING HIS MIND CAN'T OVERCOME HIS LOVE OF WEALTH.
...AND THAT'S MOOSE, MIDGE, CHUCK AND KEVIN! EVERYONE BUT DILTON SHOWED.
DOILEY? HE WAS ON THE WAY THEN I SAW HIM GET IN THE CAR WITH SOME GUY IN A GREEN SUIT.
GREEN SUIT?
DADDY, CAN WE--
NO TIME! I HAVE TO GO SUPERVISE THE LAIR!
LAIR?
HOLY--! BARBARA, LOOK!
I SEE IT.
WE'D BETTER CALL THIS IN.

MEANWHILE, IN BOOKWORM'S LAIR...
HOW IS THIS *POSSIBLE?!* HOW, BATMAN--HOW ARE YOU SOLVING MY PRETENTIOUS POETIC PUZZLE?!
TWAIN, POE, AUSTEN...
...ALL THE CLASSICS ARE AS CLOSE TO ME AS MY DEAREST FRIENDS.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A LOVE OF LITERATURE, BOOK-WORM.
YOU MAY HAVE *LUCKED* YOUR WAY THROUGH MY LITERARY LABYRINTH. BUT IF YOU WANT MY ROBOT BRAIN, ONE CONTEST REMAINS.
ONE CONTEST THAT WILL *PROVE* THAT YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR MY BOOKISH PROWESS.

TWO LEVERS, BATMAN. ONE WILL LEAD YOU TO THE ROBOT BRAIN. AND THE OTHER...

...TO YOUR DOOM.

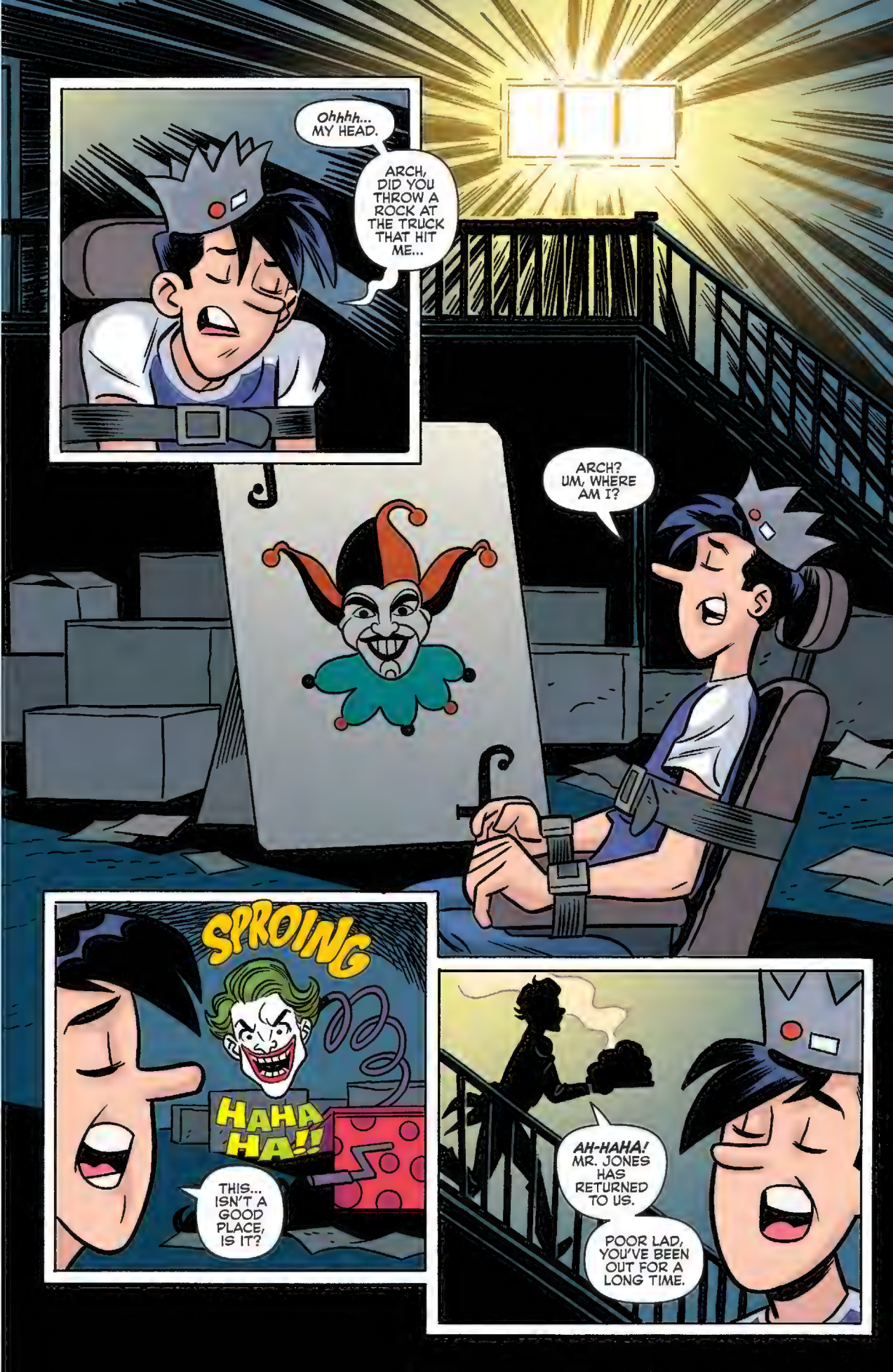

YOU'VE CERTAINLY OUTDONE YOURSELF, BOOKWORM. YOU'VE CONSTRUCTED A PUZZLE WORTHY OF A WRITER WHO WAS NO STRANGER TO LABYRINTHS-- JORGE LUIS BORGES.
AND IT WAS BORGES WHO WROTE ABOUT HOW NOT ONE OUTCOME IS POSSIBLE, BUT ALL OUTCOMES.

WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
NO...

...THE SOLUTION ISN'T ONE LEVER--IT'S BOTH OF THEM.
KLAK

NOOO!
VERY WELL, BATMAN. THEN WE'LL DO THIS THE UNCIVILIZED WAY.
HENCHMEN!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.
BOFF

SOK
WHUD
KLONK
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU HAD A VISIT WITH COMMISSIONER GOR--
BATMAN! BATMAN, COME IN!
ROBIN, WHAT IS IT?
TROUBLE, BATMAN! WE NEED YOU IMMEDIATELY!
THE UNITED UNDERWORLD HAVE INVADED RIVERDALE!


Ohhhh... MY HEAD.
ARCH, DID YOU THROW A ROCK AT THE TRUCK THAT HIT ME...
ARCH? UM, WHERE AM I?
SPROING
HAHA HA!!
THIS... ISN'T A GOOD PLACE, IS IT?
AH-HAHA! MR. JONES HAS RETURNED TO US.
POOR LAD, YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR A LONG TIME.

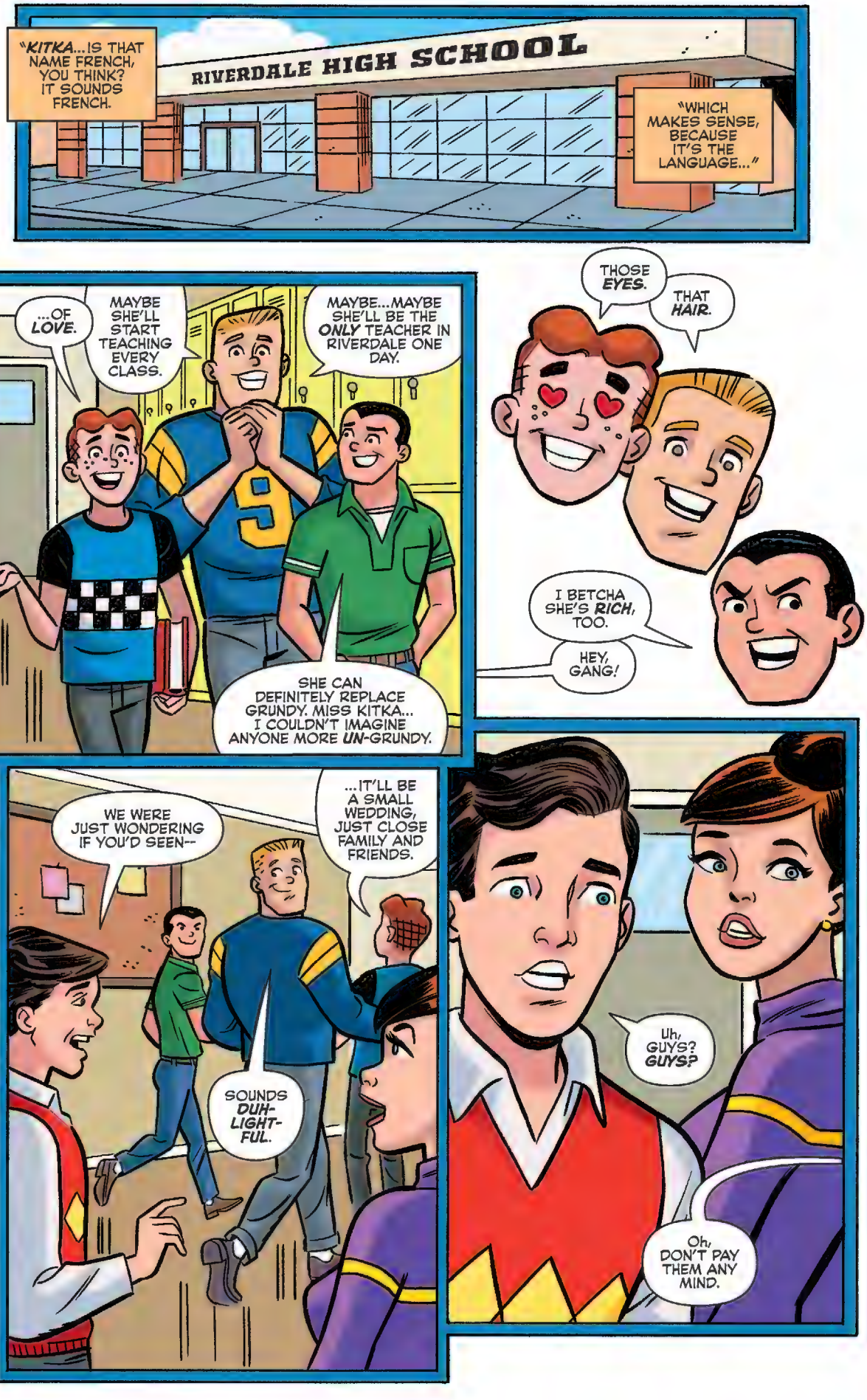
YOU MUST BE FAMISHED!
AS IT HAPPENS, YES, I-- GASP!
HAHAHA!!
YES, MR. JONES...BURGERS. POP TATE SPENT EXTRA TIME MAKING THEM IN ALL YOUR FAVORITE WAYS!
BUT BEFORE YOU CAN TASTE ONE DELICIOUS MORSEL OF THIS, YOU WILL HAVE TO OPEN YOUR MIND.
YOU, JUGHEAD, ARE GOING TO HELP US CRACK THE CODE TO CONTROLLING THE TEENAGE BRAIN!
ULP.
Oh, NO! DOES THE RAVENOUS RASCAL OF RIVERDALE STAND A CHANCE BEFORE THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME??
STAY STRONG, JUGHEAD JONES! STAY STRONG!!

# CHAPTER FOUR

VA-ROOOOM!
GOOD SHOW RETRIEVING THE ELECTRONIC BOOK, SIR! ARE YOU RETURNING IT NOW?
NO TIME, ALFRED!
ROBIN AND BATGIRL REPORT THAT MY GREATEST ENEMIES ARE TAKING OVER THE HUMBLE TOWN OF RIVERDALE!
I SHUDDER TO THINK OF THOSE FIENDS UNLEASHING THEIR MENACE ON THOSE INNOCENT YOUTH!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
DON'T THESE SMELL *DELICIOUS*, MR. JONES?
LOOK, MAN, I'M NOT A CLOWN SORT OF GUY.
MY MOM HAD THIS EMMETT KELLY PAINTING I... HATED...
...A-ARE THOSE FROM POP'S?

LUNCH CAN WAIT, FIRST WE NEED TO...
...CLOWN AROUND.
AFTER MY CRASH COURSE, YOU'LL SEE THE HUMOR IN EVERY-THING.
HAHUHAHAHAAAAHA!
I KNOW YOU'RE ALREADY WITH ME, MR. JONES. YOU SEE LIFE AS ONE. BIG. JOKE.
WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE TO WASTE YOUR DAYS IN SCHOOL? EVEN YOUR TEACHERS DON'T WANT TO BE THERE!
AND WHEN THAT ENDS YOU HAVE TO GO OUT AND WORK? NONSENSE!
JOIN MY CIRCUS AND EVERY DAY IS A MIX OF LEISURE AND EXCITEMENT! A LIFE OF GOOD TIMES!
WE'LL STRIP AWAY THE FACADE OF THE WORLD AND YOU'LL SEE THAT UNDER THE SURFACE OF EVERYONE IS CHAOS--THERE ARE NO RULES FOR THOSE LIKE US.
WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO GET THE JOKE.

Eh.
MAYBE.
HOW DARE YOU WEAR A JESTER HAT AND NOT GET WHAT I'M SAYING!
I WILL BE YOUR PROFESSOR IN CLOWN COLLEGE, BUT I SEE YOUR MIND NEEDS TO BE MORE MALLEABLE.
A MIND LIKE YOURS MAY TAKE DAYS TO CRACK.
HEY, ARE WE GOING TO WATCH A SHOW?
Oh, YES! YOU'LL LOVE IT TOO-- EVENTUALLY.
I HAVE A CITY TO TAKE OVER, BUT YOU ENJOY YOURSELF, JONES.
AND BY TOMORROW, YOUR BRAIN WILL BE JELLY!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG CLANG
CLANG


"KITKA... IS THAT NAME FRENCH, YOU THINK? IT SOUNDS FRENCH.
RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL
"WHICH MAKES SENSE, BECAUSE IT'S THE LANGUAGE..."
...OF LOVE.
MAYBE SHE'LL START TEACHING EVERY CLASS.
MAYBE...MAYBE SHE'LL BE THE ONLY TEACHER IN RIVERDALE ONE DAY.
SHE CAN DEFINITELY REPLACE GRUNDY. MISS KITKA... I COULDN'T IMAGINE ANYONE MORE UN-GRUNDY.
THOSE EYES.
THAT HAIR.
I BETCHA SHE'S RICH, TOO.
HEY, GANG!
WE WERE JUST WONDERING IF YOU'D SEEN--
...IT'LL BE A SMALL WEDDING, JUST CLOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
SOUNDS DUH-LIGHT-FUL.
Uh, GUYS? GUYS?
Oh, DON'T PAY THEM ANY MIND.

AFTER ALL, THEIR MINDS ARE ON VACATION AT THE MOMENT.
VACATION? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LOVE. OR, MORE APPROPRIATELY, INFATUATION.
MAYBE WE GO TO HER HOME IN FRANCE FOR THE HONEYMOON...
I'M SURE IT'S THE SAME WHERE YOU'RE FROM. THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE MAKING WAVES.
WELL...
WHO'S THE SOMEONE MAKING WAVES?
A NEW TEACHER--SHE'S BEEN HERE A FEW DAYS AND ALREADY HAS THESE BOYS WRAPPED AROUND HER FINGER.
KITKA IS HER NAME...
...MISS KITKA.
HOLY PEDAGOGUE!
NICE TALKING TO YOU, KEVIN. BUT WE SHOULD GET GOING TO, Um...CLASS.
DID YOU HEAR THAT? KITKA! THAT CAN ONLY BE--
EASY, DICK. NOT HERE.
EVERYONE'S ALWAYS ON THE GO...

IT'S SO GOOD OF YOU ALL TO COME FOR YOUR... EXTRA CREDIT.
IN FACT, I'D SAY IT'S JUST PUUUURFECT.
MAYBE IF I ENROLL IN FRENCH CLASS NOW, I'LL BE ABLE TO--
HUSH, ANDREWS! SHE'S SPEAKING.
NOW, THE ASSIGNMENT IS VERY SIMPLE...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REPEAT AFTER ME AND OBEY EVERY SINGLE THING I SAY, AND THE "A" IS YOURS.
AND MAYBE...
...WE'LL GET CLOSER IN THE PROCESS.

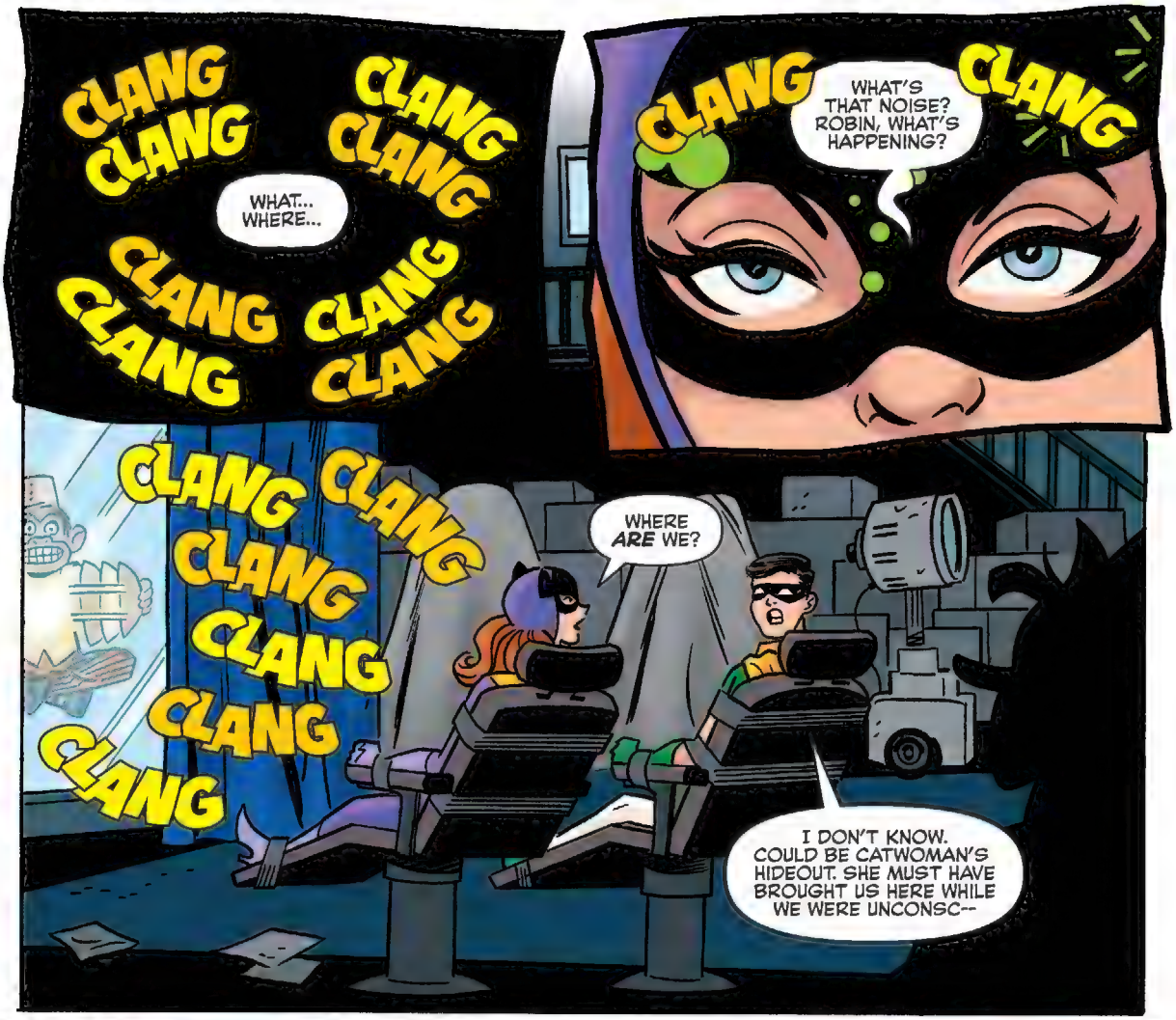
NOW, REPEAT AFTER ME:
I VOW TO LISTEN TO *EVERY* SINGLE COMMAND MISS KITKA GIVES.
I VOW TO LISTEN TO *EVERY* SINGLE COMMAND MISS KITKA GIVES.
WITHOUT QUESTION.
WITHOUT QUESTION.
WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT MY OWN IDEAS OR THOUGHTS.
WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT MY OWN IDEAS OR THOUGHTS.
AND I'LL HELP MISS KITKA CONTROL RIVERDALE BY ANY MEANS POSS--
NOT SO *FAST*, KITKA. OR SHOULD I SAY...
...CATWOMAN!

WELL, WELL. IT'S THE BOY WONDER AND THE BATGIRL. WHERE'S THE BIG, BAD BATMAN WHO'LL KEEP YOU KIDS SAFE?
WE DON'T NEED BATMAN TO STOP CROOKS LIKE YOU, CATWOMAN! NOW LET THESE BOYS GO AND TELL US WHAT A FIEND LIKE YOU IS DOING IN RIVERDALE!
I SUPPOSE I COULD DO THAT, BOY BLUNDER.
BUT WHAT WOULD BE THE FUN IN THAT?
BOYS, IF YOU WOULD.

POW
SOK
THOK
MY BOYS--WON'T YOU HELP MISS KITKA? THE BAD PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO HURT ME. BUT YOU'LL DEFEND ME, WON'T YOU?
NO...SOMETHING... SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT. THAT'S ROBIN. AND BATGIRL. WE SHOULDN'T... SHOULD WE *FIGHT* THEM?

KICK
GOT YOU!
THOMP
NO ONE HARMS MISS KITKA.
WHAM
OOF!

BATGIRL! BATGIRL, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM! I CAN'T GET FREE! I CAN'T--
COME ON, GUYS! WE HAVE TO SAVE ROBIN AND BATG--
PHSSSSSHHHHSSSS
...AWAKE.
THE GAS... MAKING ME SO...
...TIRED. CAN'T STAY...
YOU WON'T... GET AWAY... WITH...
Oh, BUT DON'T YOU SEE? I ALREADY HAVE. BOYS...
...TAKE THEM AWAY!
BUT LEAVE THE TEENS BEHIND, WE WON'T NEED THEM...YET.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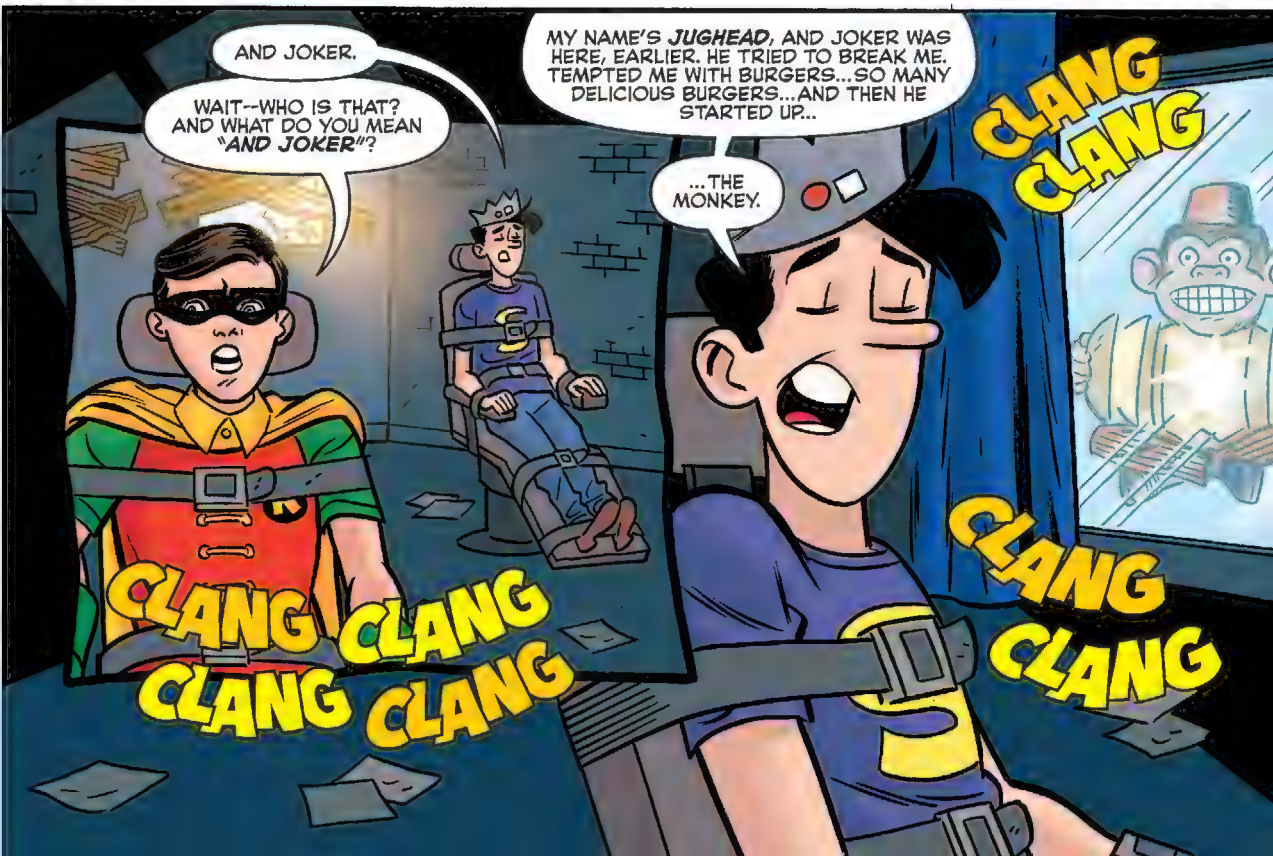
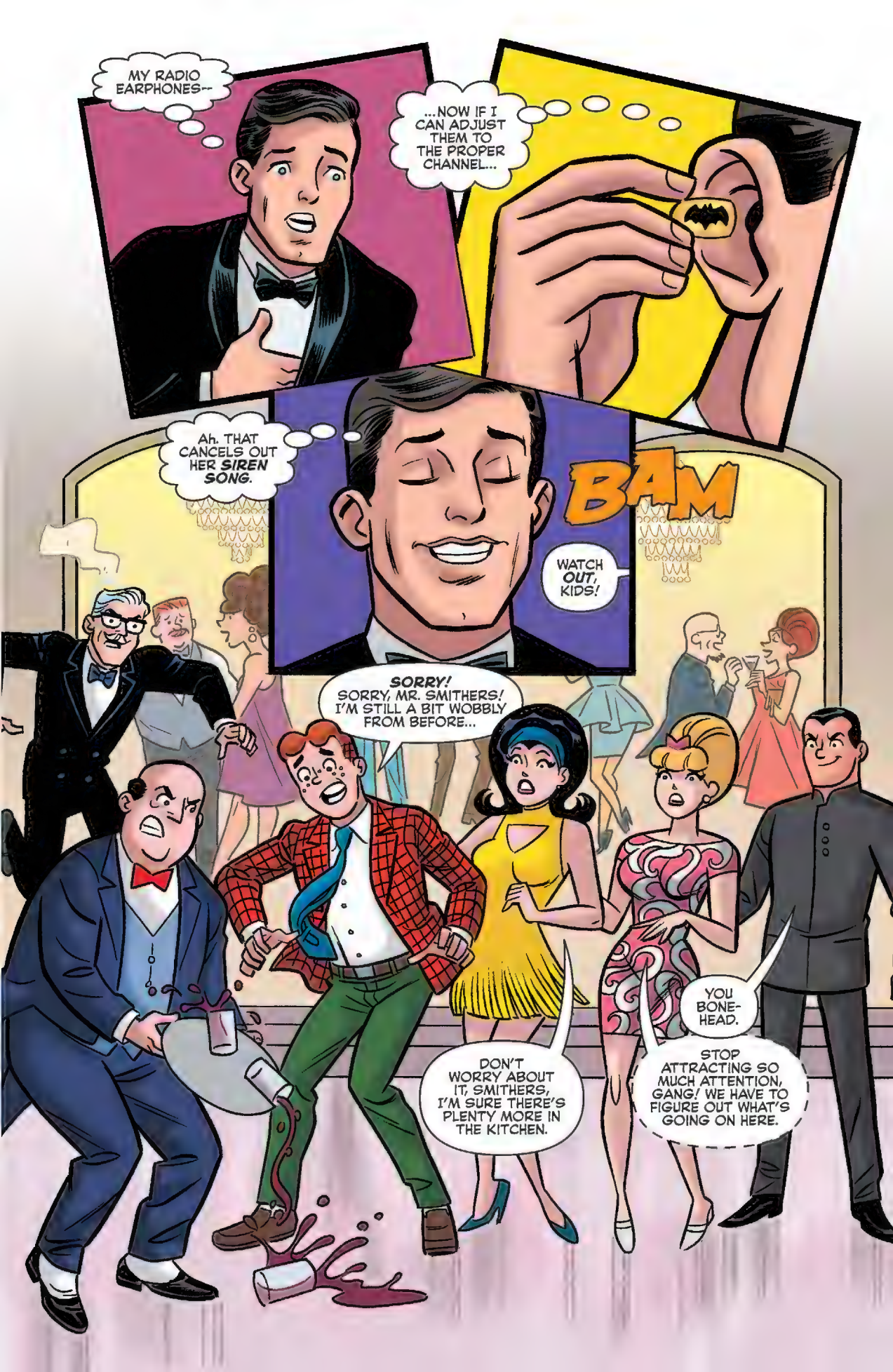
WHAT... WHERE...
CLANG
WHAT'S THAT NOISE? ROBIN, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
CLANG
CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG
WHERE ARE WE?
I DON'T KNOW. COULD BE CATWOMAN'S HIDEOUT. SHE MUST HAVE BROUGHT US HERE WHILE WE WERE UNCONSC--

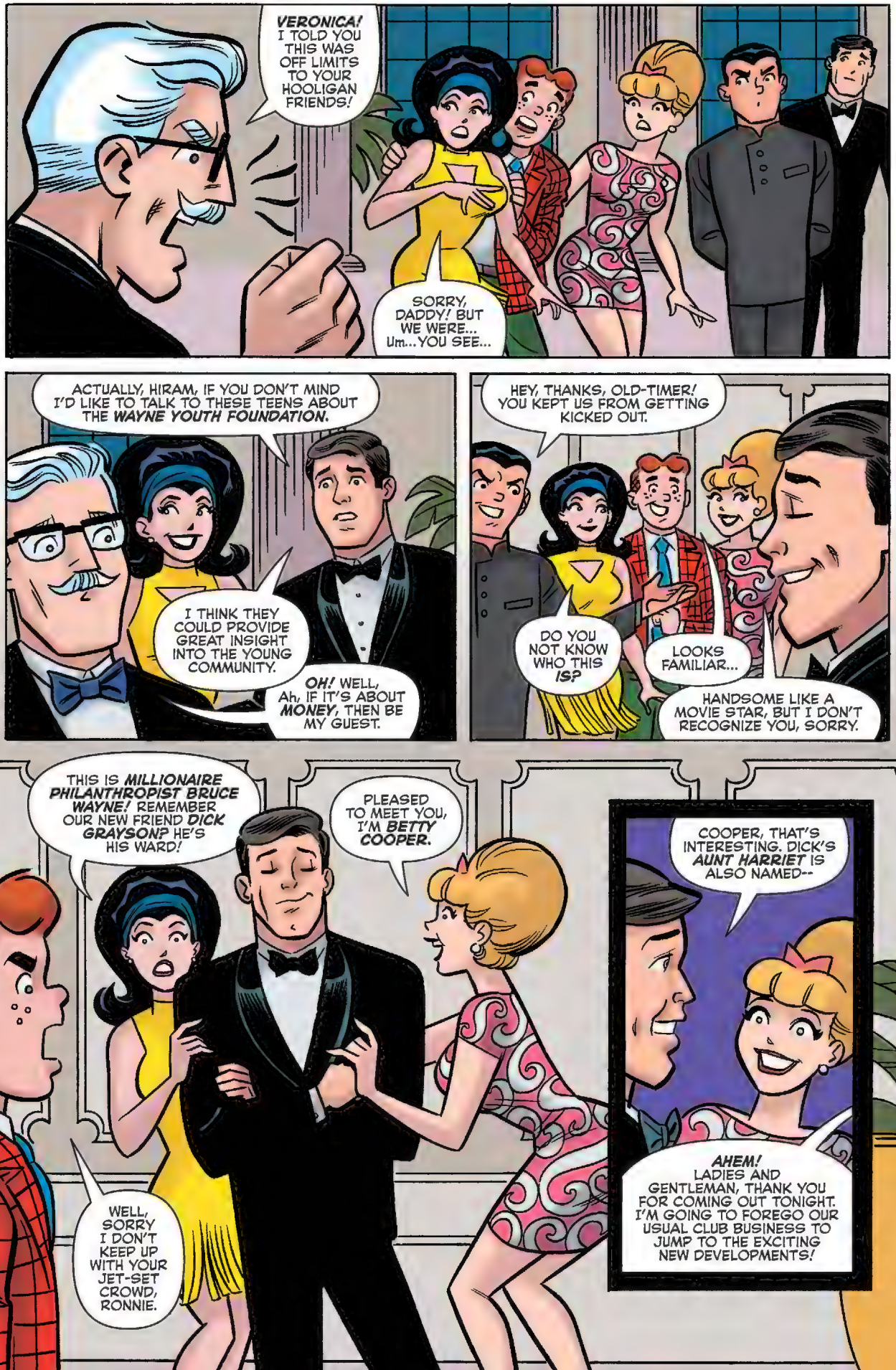

AND JOKER.
WAIT--WHO IS THAT? AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN "AND JOKER"?
MY NAME'S JUGHEAD, AND JOKER WAS HERE, EARLIER. HE TRIED TO BREAK ME. TEMPTED ME WITH BURGERS...SO MANY DELICIOUS BURGERS...AND THEN HE STARTED UP...
...THE MONKEY.
CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG

HOLY TERRIBLE TEAM-UP, BATGIRL! JOKER'S HERE TOO?!
CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG
WAIT! JUGHEAD, YOU SAID JOKER WANTED SOMETHING. WHAT WAS IT?
CLANG CLANG
HARD TO REMEMBER... MONKEY WON'T STOP...
PLEASE, JUGHEAD! YOU HAVE TO FOCUS!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
OKAY, OKAY. IT WAS... SOMETHING ABOUT CONTROLLING TEENAGER'S BRAINS. AND THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE HERE, TOO. I HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT A PARTY. SEEMS LIKE THEY WERE PLOTTING SOMETHING, BUT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT.
CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG

MEANWHILE AT THE POSH RIVERDALE COUNTRY CLUB, GUESTS ARE ROLLING IN...
BUT WHAT'S THIS?
I'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON, ALFRED. AND THANK YOU, OLD FRIEND...
...FOR SUGGESTING I KEEP A TUXEDO IN THE TRUNK FOR JUST SUCH OCCASIONS.
MY PLEASURE, MASTER BRUCE.
MR. LODGE, HE'S HERE--
I SEE, I SEE! OUT OF THE WAY!
BRUCE WAYNE!
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HONORED WE ARE TO HAVE YOU AT OUR HUMBLE CLUB!
THIS IS AS NICE AS ANYTHING WE HAVE IN GOTHAM, MR. LODGE. THE HONOR IS ALL MINE.

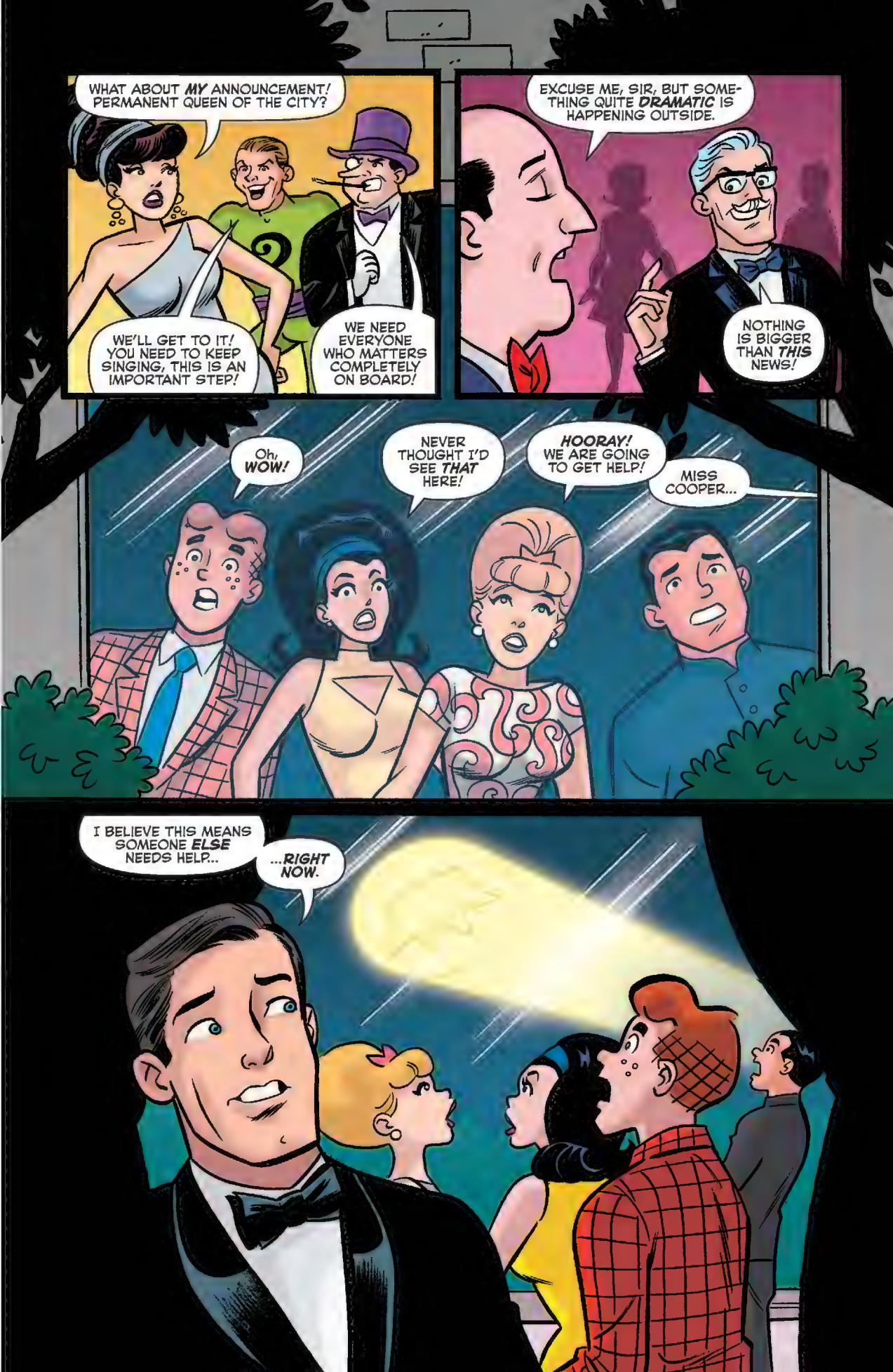
WE'RE MAKING BIG CHANGES IN RIVERDALE, BRUCE! I'D LOVE TO SHOW YOU AROUND TOWN.
DARE I SAY IT MIGHT MAKE AN EXCELLENT SECOND HOME TO ESCAPE THE CHAOS OF THE BIG CITY?
INDEED...
WHY HERE ARE OUR CITY COUNCILMEN--WELCOME BRUCE WAYNE, EVERYONE.
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY RIVERDALE.
YOU SHOULD INVEST IN RIVERDALE!
THINGS HERE ARE BETTER THAN ELSEWHERE.
WE RESPECT AUTHORITY, AND FOLLOW ORDERS.
Ah... VERY GOOD TO MEET YOU ALL.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO GET SOME PUNCH.
CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT...
...WHAT'S AFFECTING... ME...
OF COURSE! SIREN!
DOO DEE DOOOOOO DOOOOOOO WHAT WE SAYYYY...


MY RADIO EARPHONES--
...NOW IF I CAN ADJUST THEM TO THE PROPER CHANNEL...
Ah. THAT CANCELS OUT HER SIREN SONG.
BAM
WATCH OUT, KIDS!
SORRY! SORRY, MR. SMITHERS! I'M STILL A BIT WOBBLY FROM BEFORE...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SMITHERS, I'M SURE THERE'S PLENTY MORE IN THE KITCHEN.
YOU BONE-HEAD.
STOP ATTRACTING SO MUCH ATTENTION, GANG! WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.

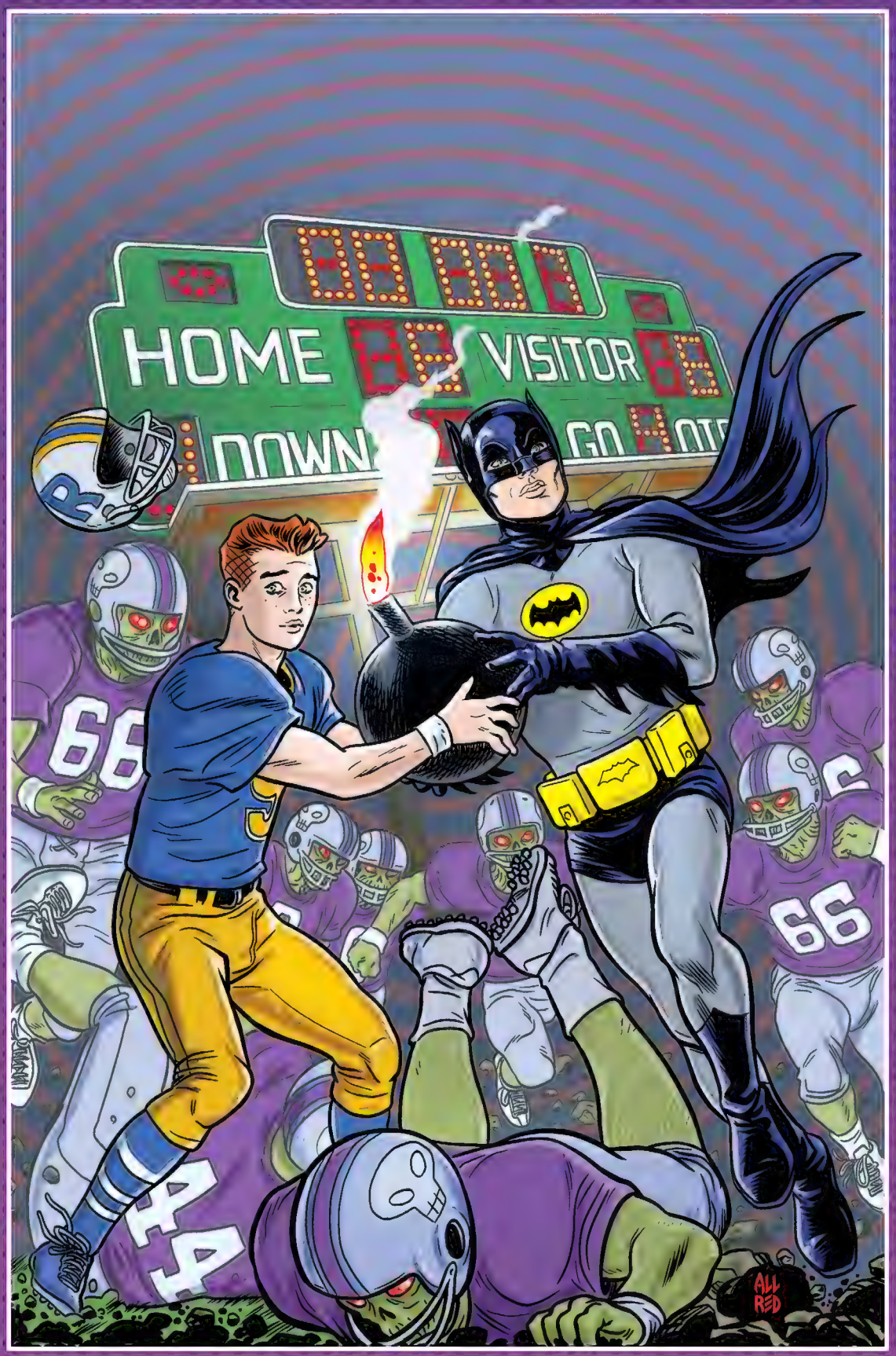

VERONICA! I TOLD YOU THIS WAS OFF LIMITS TO YOUR HOOLIGAN FRIENDS!
SORRY, DADDY! BUT WE WERE... Um...YOU SEE...
ACTUALLY, HIRAM, IF YOU DON'T MIND I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THESE TEENS ABOUT THE WAYNE YOUTH FOUNDATION.
I THINK THEY COULD PROVIDE GREAT INSIGHT INTO THE YOUNG COMMUNITY.
OH! WELL, Ah, IF IT'S ABOUT MONEY, THEN BE MY GUEST.
HEY, THANKS, OLD-TIMER! YOU KEPT US FROM GETTING KICKED OUT.
DO YOU NOT KNOW WHO THIS IS?
LOOKS FAMILIAR...
HANDSOME LIKE A MOVIE STAR, BUT I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, SORRY.
THIS IS MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST BRUCE WAYNE! REMEMBER OUR NEW FRIEND DICK GRAYSON? HE'S HIS WARD!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'M BETTY COOPER.
WELL, SORRY I DON'T KEEP UP WITH YOUR JET-SET CROWD, RONNIE.
COOPER, THAT'S INTERESTING. DICK'S AUNT HARRIET IS ALSO NAMED--
AHEM! LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT. I'M GOING TO FOREGO OUR USUAL CLUB BUSINESS TO JUMP TO THE EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS!

OUR TOWN IS KNOWN FOR ITS CHARM, BUT TONIGHT YOU CAN MEET THE NEW LEADERSHIP WHO WILL BE TAKING US TO NEW HEIGHTS!
PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF RIVERDALE SCHOOLS, CATWOMAN!
AND I WANT TO ANNOUNCE I'M STEPPING DOWN--YOUR NEW POLICE CHIEF IS THE RIDDLER!
CLAP CLAP
HEE HEEHEE HEE!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
AND FILLING A NEW POSITION OF... "CLOWN PRINCE" IS...
...THE JOKER!
LIKEWISE, I AM MOVING OVER TO MAKE WAY FOR RIVERDALE'S NEW MAYOR... ...THE PENGUIN!
WAAAK WAK!
HELLO, MY CONSTITUENTS!
CLAP CLAP
HO HO HO!
HELLO, RIVERDALE! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE REAL FUN NOW!
CLAP CLAP CLAP

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THESE VILLAINS WOULD ONE DAY SEEK GREENER PASTURES!
HEY! NO ONE VOTED FOR ANY OF THEM!
THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALL CRIMINALS!
AND THEY'RE NOT EVEN FROM RIVERDALE!
REGGIE MANTLE TAKING A STAND? I'M IMPRESSED!
YEAH, WELL RIDDLER PAID ME IN CASH, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE OUR CURRENCY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE AMERICAN PRESIDENTS ON IT!
YOU KNOW, THE TEENS HAVE A POINT.
THESE POSITIONS SHOULD BE SANCTIFIED BY A VOTE, THIS IS A DEMOCRACY, WAAK!
ALL WHO ARE IN FAVOR OF US HOLDING OUR POSITIONS IN YOUR CITY, SAY AYE!
AYE!!
THIS IS NOT RIGHT!
I'M AFRAID YOUR ADULTS ARE ALL UNDER THE THRALL OF THE SIREN'S SONG, KIDS.
IT'S NOT AFFECTING YOU, MR. WAYNE.
OOh! MAYBE HE'S YOUNGER THAN WE THOUGHT.

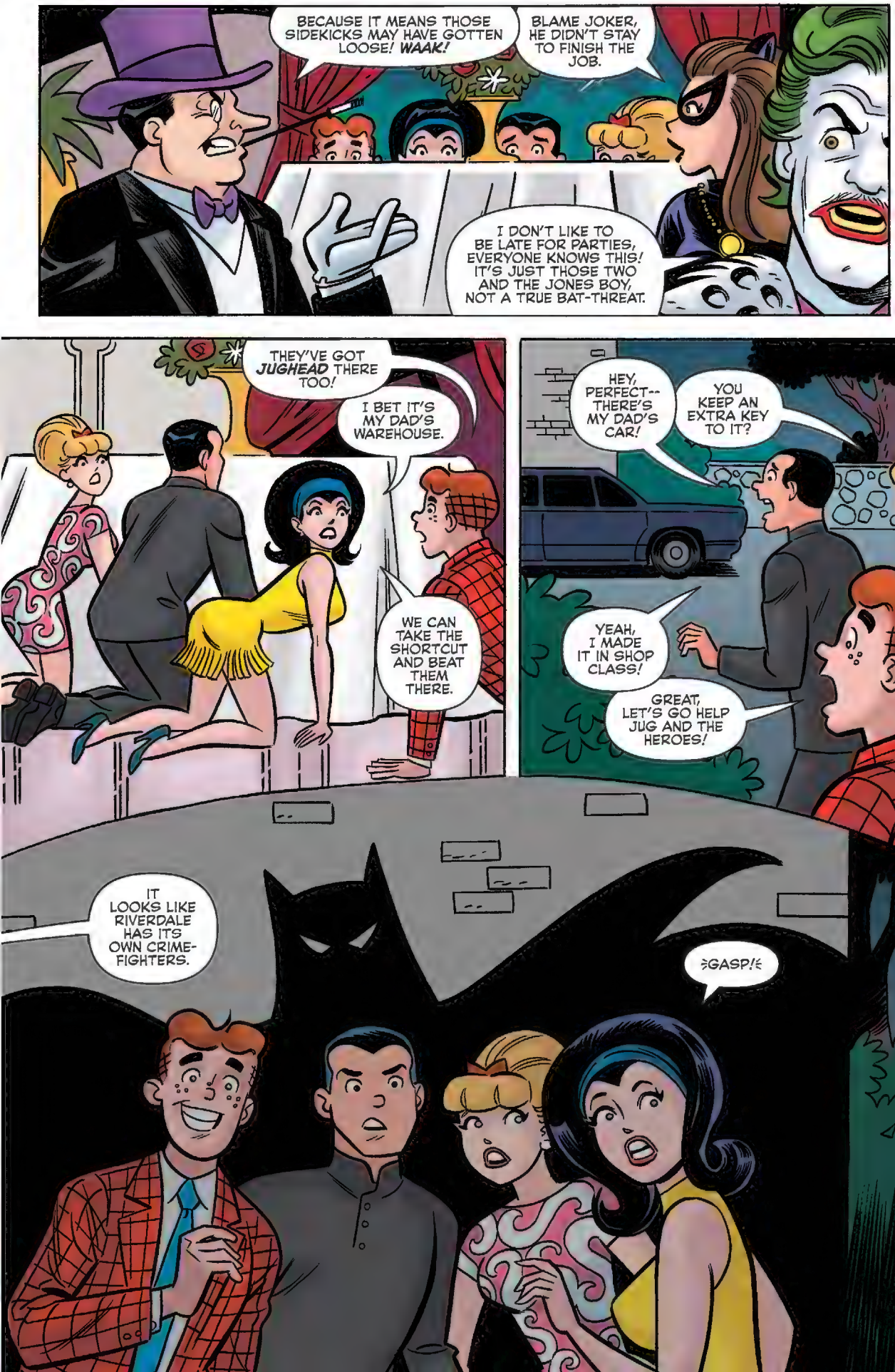

WHAT ABOUT MY ANNOUNCEMENT! PERMANENT QUEEN OF THE CITY?
WE'LL GET TO IT! YOU NEED TO KEEP SINGING, THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP!
WE NEED EVERYONE WHO MATTERS COMPLETELY ON BOARD!
EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT SOMETHING QUITE DRAMATIC IS HAPPENING OUTSIDE.
NOTHING IS BIGGER THAN THIS NEWS!
Oh, WOW!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THAT HERE!
HOORAY! WE ARE GOING TO GET HELP!
MISS COOPER...
I BELIEVE THIS MEANS SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS HELP...
...RIGHT NOW.

# CHAPTER FIVE

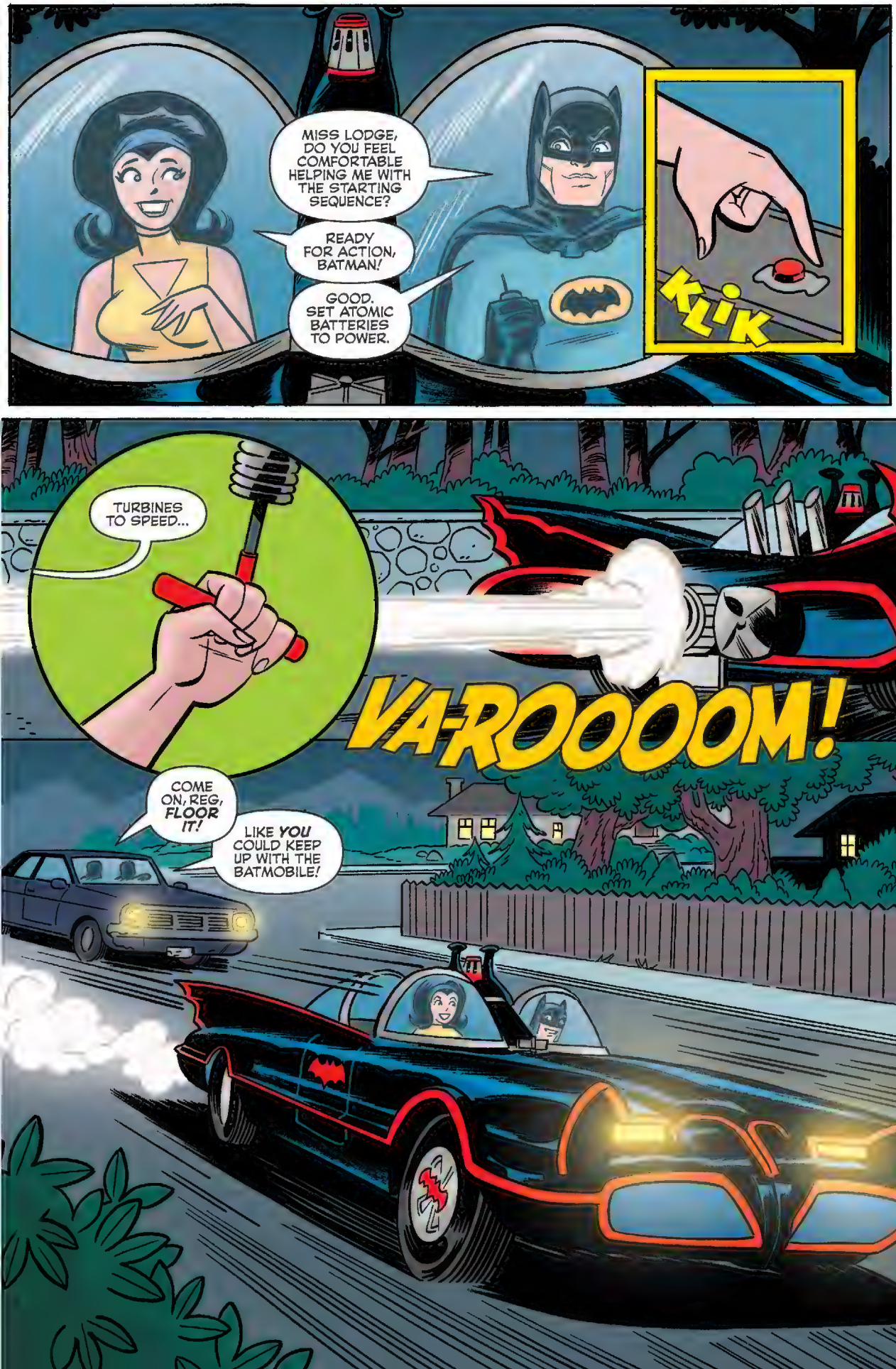


I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THE BAT-SIGNAL!
BUT HERE, IN RIVERDALE?
IT'S COMING FROM THE LAKE!
WAAAK! ATTENTION, CITIZENS OF RIVERDALE!
DO NOT LEAVE! STAND BY FOR ORDERS!
IT'S COMING FROM THE NEW LAIR!
LET ME GUESS, YOU SET A DEATHTRAP FOR THE BOY WONDER AND BATGIRL AND THEN LEFT WITHOUT GETTING CLOSURE?
HEY, BOSS! THAT MONEY YOU GAVE ME WAS PHONY!
GET LOST, KID-- I MEAN, SAY--WHAT'S THE FASTEST WAY TO THE LAKE FROM HERE?
YOU PAY, I'LL SAY.
YOU DON'T EXTORT ME, THAT'S WHAT I DO TO OTHERS!
OOOh, I'M A MIXTURE OF RAGE AND PRIDE RIGHT NOW!

MR. WAYNE, YOU'RE FROM GOTHAM, DO YOU KNOW IF BAT-- AW, NUTS! HE'S UNDER THE MIND CONTROL!
STAYING... HERE...WAITING FOR...PENGUIN'S ORDERS...
TOO BAD... I CAN'T...HELP... ...A GOOD FRIEND IS OUTSIDE BY THE HEDGES WHO COULD ANSWER... THE SIGNAL...
YEAH? WHO IS IT?
MAYBE THE POLICE COMMISSIONER YOU ALWAYS SEE ON NEWS OUT OF GOTHAM!
Uh, WE BETTER GET OUT OF HERE, I THINK RIDDLER'S PRETTY STEAMED AT ME BECAUSE I WOULDN'T TELL HIM HOW TO GET TO THE LAKE.
MR. WAYNE SAID THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD HELP OUTSIDE.
I DOUBT IT, ALL ADULTS ARE UNDER THAT SIREN'S SONG.
GET DOWN! THE BAD GUYS ARE COMING!
EASY, ANDREWS!
SINCE WHEN DO THEY HAVE A BAT-SIGNAL IN RIVER-DALE?
Oh, IT'S NOT LIKE BATMAN CAN SEE IT THIS FAR AWAY, WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED FOR?

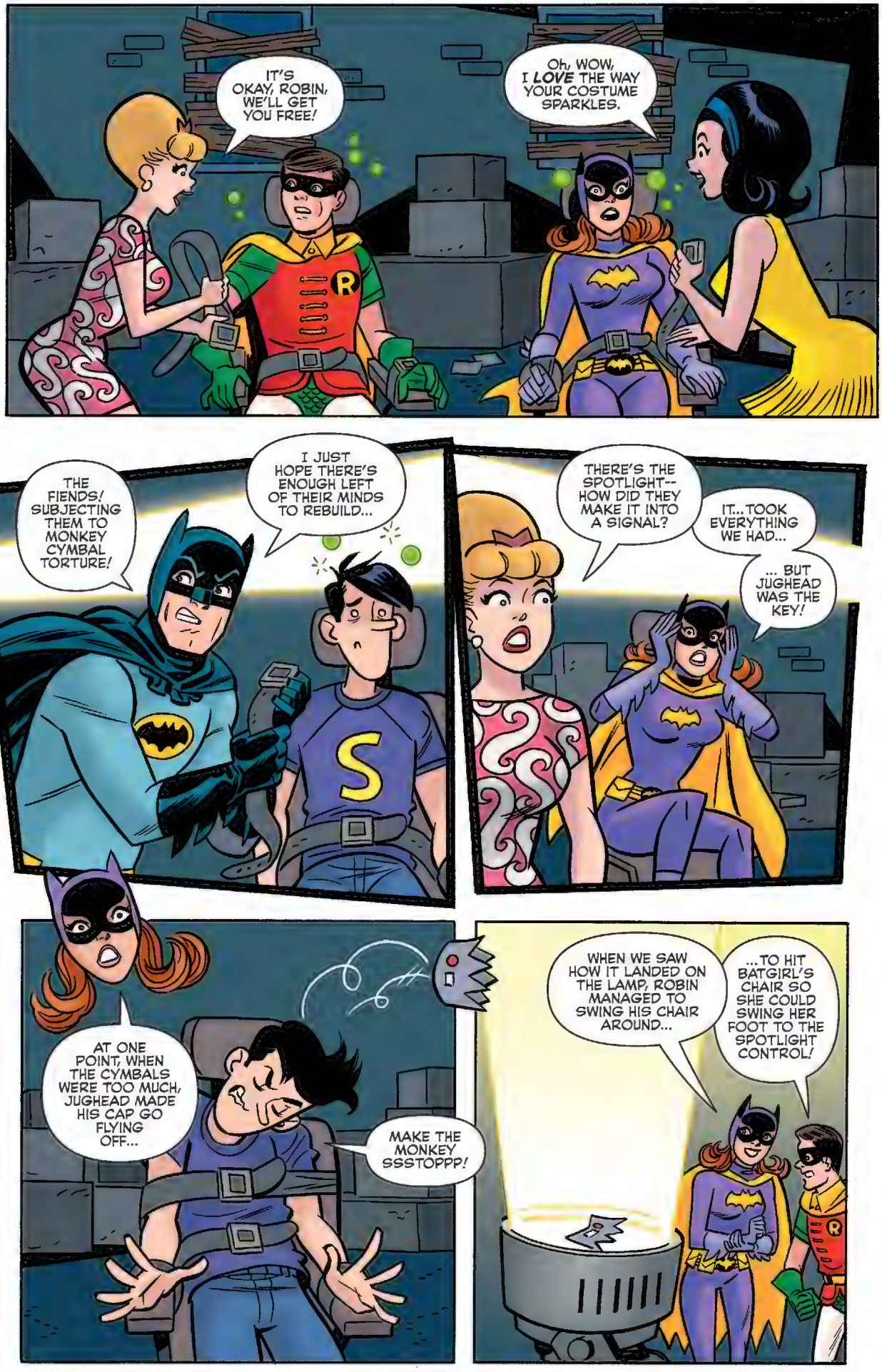

BECAUSE IT MEANS THOSE SIDEKICKS MAY HAVE GOTTEN LOOSE! WAAK!
BLAME JOKER, HE DIDN'T STAY TO FINISH THE JOB.
I DON'T LIKE TO BE LATE FOR PARTIES, EVERYONE KNOWS THIS! IT'S JUST THOSE TWO AND THE JONES BOY, NOT A TRUE BAT-THREAT.
THEY'VE GOT JUGHEAD THERE TOO!
I BET IT'S MY DAD'S WAREHOUSE.
WE CAN TAKE THE SHORTCUT AND BEAT THEM THERE.
HEY, PERFECT-- THERE'S MY DAD'S CAR!
YOU KEEP AN EXTRA KEY TO IT?
YEAH, I MADE IT IN SHOP CLASS!
GREAT, LET'S GO HELP JUG AND THE HEROES!
IT LOOKS LIKE RIVERDALE HAS ITS OWN CRIME-FIGHTERS.
GASP!

WHEREVER SHINES THE BAT-SIGNAL, I ANSWER THE CALL, CITIZENS!
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF ONE OF YOU WOULD ACCOMPANY ME IN THE BATMOBILE TO NAVIGATE.
The BATMAN of RIVERDALE
PART 5
TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY
I'LL HELP YOU, BATMAN!
OF COURSE.
MMMF--!


MISS LODGE, DO YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE HELPING ME WITH THE STARTING SEQUENCE?
READY FOR ACTION, BATMAN!
GOOD. SET ATOMIC BATTERIES TO POWER.
KLIK
TURBINES TO SPEED...
VA-ROOOOM!
COME ON, REG, FLOOR IT!
LIKE YOU COULD KEEP UP WITH THE BATMOBILE!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CAN'T... TAKE... MUCH... MORE... POUNDING...
MY BRAIN... IS IT... STILL... IN MY... HEAD...?
...MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB... ITS FLEAS WERE WHITE AS SNOW... AND EVERYWHERE THE MAYOR WENT...
SSSSSS
...THE LAMP WAS SURE TO GLOW...

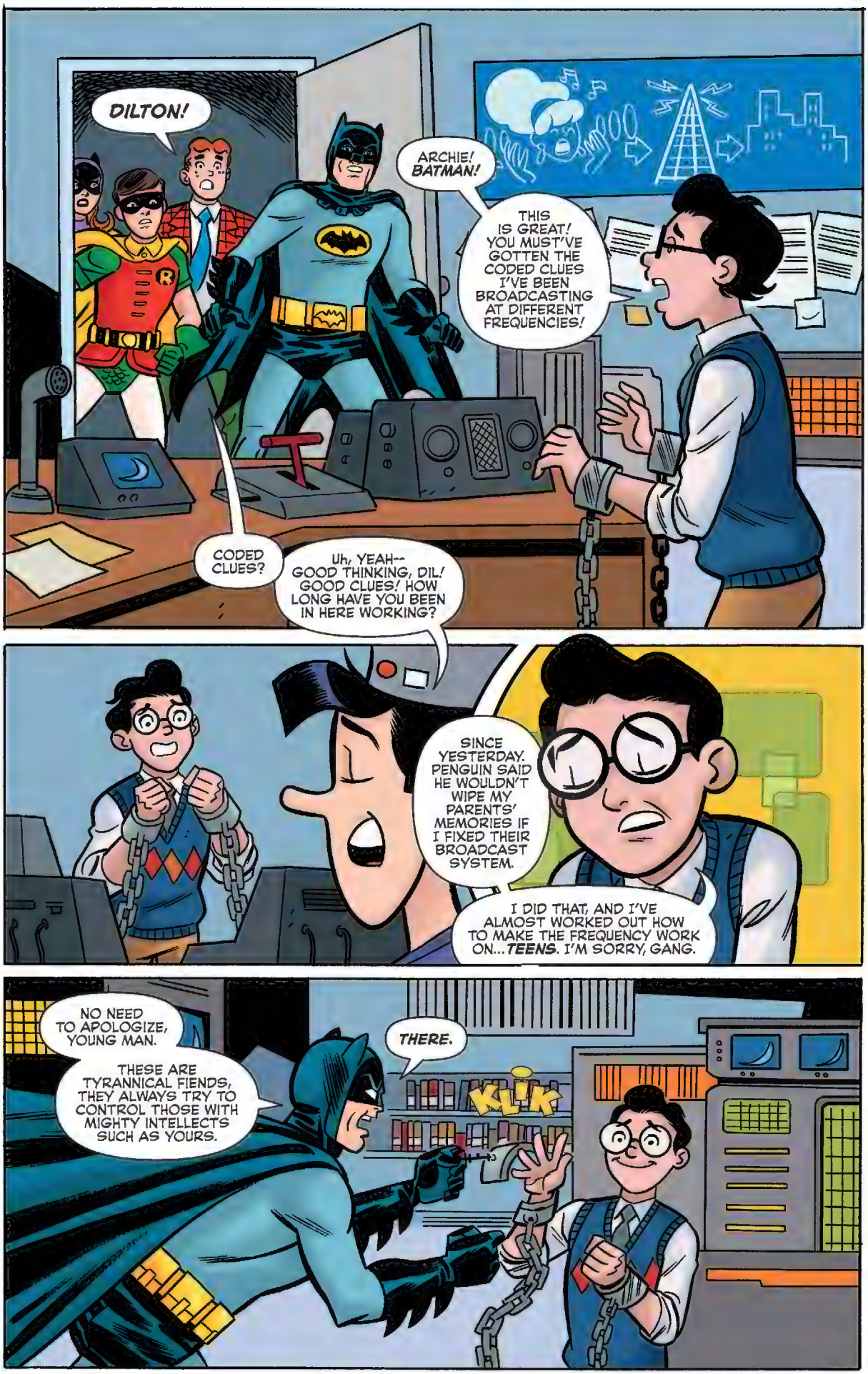
KRASH
--THREE!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
BAT... MANNN...
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
QUICK, KIDS-- SMASH THOSE SPEAKERS!
IT'S SO LOUD!
CLANG CLANG
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GET TO BREAK INTO A WAREHOUSE-- AND THEN BREAK MORE STUFF!
SMASH
BASH
AND IT'S OKAY BECAUSE BATMAN SAID SO!


IT'S OKAY, ROBIN, WE'LL GET YOU FREE!
Oh, WOW, I LOVE THE WAY YOUR COSTUME SPARKLES.
THE FIENDS! SUBJECTING THEM TO MONKEY CYMBAL TORTURE!
I JUST HOPE THERE'S ENOUGH LEFT OF THEIR MINDS TO REBUILD...
THERE'S THE SPOTLIGHT-- HOW DID THEY MAKE IT INTO A SIGNAL?
IT...TOOK EVERYTHING WE HAD...
... BUT JUGHEAD WAS THE KEY!
AT ONE POINT, WHEN THE CYMBALS WERE TOO MUCH, JUGHEAD MADE HIS CAP GO FLYING OFF...
MAKE THE MONKEY SSSTOPPP!
WHEN WE SAW HOW IT LANDED ON THE LAMP, ROBIN MANAGED TO SWING HIS CHAIR AROUND...
...TO HIT BATGIRL'S CHAIR SO SHE COULD SWING HER FOOT TO THE SPOTLIGHT CONTROL!

A BRILLIANT SOLUTION! BUT THE POOR LAD MAY HAVE SACRIFICED...
...HIS MIND...
MARES EAT OATS AND DOES EAT OATS.
LITTLE LAMBS? IVY.
NO, WAIT!
JUG'S GONNA BE FINE!
I ADMIRE YOUR OPTIMISM, ARCHIE, BUT YOUR FRIEND HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO A GRUELING MENTAL ATTACK.
ROBIN AND I AREN'T FEELING--
JUGHEAD, OPEN UP!
OPEN...?
SORRY, NO TIME TO REHEAT 'EM.
MMMPH!
MHPHRGGMMRRH!!!*
*HAMBURGERS!!!

COULD USE KETCHUP, MORE PICKLES...
...BUT I WILL ALLOW IT!
INCREDIBLE. YOU TRULY KNOW HOW YOUR FRIEND WORKS.
MAYBE BURGERS WILL MAKE US FEEL BETTER TOO?
Nah, IT ONLY WORKS FOR HIM.
CHOMP
HEY DIG THIS, EVERYONE!
THEY'VE GOT SOME BIG PLANS.
NEW RIVERDALE?
OF COURSE. A MODEL OF THEIR IMPERFECT SOCIETY, BASED UPON THEIR COLOSSAL EGOS.
CATWOMAN'S GO-GO CLUB?
PENGUIN'S ICE PALACE?
JOKER'S AMUSEMENT PARK?
I DON'T KNOW, GANG-- THIS ACTUALLY ALL SOUNDS PRETTY FUN.
KITTY KAT
QUIZ
WELCOME TO THE NEW Riverdale

UNTIL YOU REALIZE THAT ALL THIS IS BUILT BY YOUR PARENTS AND CITY LEADERS!
ENTHRALLED BY THE SONG OF THE SIREN!
WHOA, WHOA, HEROES-- I HEAR YOU!
WELCOME TO REGGIE MANTLE, CAPED CRUSADERS.
Oh, GOSH!
THAT'S NOT THEIR WHOLE PLAN-- CHECK OUT STAGE TWO!
ONCE THEY'VE REBUILT RIVERDALE, THEY PLAN TO POWER A HUGE TRANSMITTER!
THAT WILL CONTROL THE MINDS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE NATION!
LAB OF CRIME
HOLY HEAD-GAMES!
INDEED, ROBIN!
I THINK WE'D BETTER INVESTIGATE THE LAST ROOM OF THIS LAIR...
...AND SEE WHY THEY'VE GROWN SO AMBITIOUS.


DILTON!
ARCHIE! BATMAN!
THIS IS GREAT! YOU MUST'VE GOTTEN THE CODED CLUES I'VE BEEN BROADCASTING AT DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES!
CODED CLUES?
Uh, YEAH-- GOOD THINKING, DIL! GOOD CLUES! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN HERE WORKING?
SINCE YESTERDAY. PENGUIN SAID HE WOULDN'T WIPE MY PARENTS' MEMORIES IF I FIXED THEIR BROADCAST SYSTEM.
I DID THAT, AND I'VE ALMOST WORKED OUT HOW TO MAKE THE FREQUENCY WORK ON...TEENS. I'M SORRY, GANG.
NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, YOUNG MAN.
THESE ARE TYRANNICAL FIENDS, THEY ALWAYS TRY TO CONTROL THOSE WITH MIGHTY INTELLECTS SUCH AS YOURS.
THERE.
KLIK

I HEAR CARS ARRIVING OUTSIDE!
YOU AND BATGIRL STILL NEED TO RECOVER FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE MONKEY, THIS IS NO TIME TO ENGAGE IN BATTLE.
WE CAN HELP!
YOU'RE VERY BRAVE, ARCHIE, BUT THESE ARE MY DEADLIEST FOES.
YOU KNOW THE SAYING, "HE WHO FIGHTS AND RUNS AWAY..."
"MAY LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY."
TO THE BATMOBILE!
AND THE MANTLE-MOBILE!
♪ NA-NA NA-NA NA-NA NA-NA-- ♪
JUG, PLEASE.
Oh, NO!
Oh, BOY.
WE STAYED TOO LONG!

IT'S ALL THE ADULTS--AND THEY'RE ALL HENCHMEN!
HAHA HA!!
SORRY, KIDS, YOUR FOLKS HAVE COME FOR YOU!
AND LOOK! I FINALLY HAVE THE BATMOBILE!
WAAAK WAK!
ARCHIE, YOU SURRENDER OR YOU'RE GROUNDED!
VERONICA, GET AWAY FROM THOSE CRIME-FIGHTERS RIGHT NOW!
DETENTION FOR DILTON DOILEY!
JUVENILE JAIL FOR JUGHEAD JONES!

I THINK I'M OKAY TO FIGHT, BATMAN!
EVEN SO, WE'RE OUTNUMBERED MORE THAN EVER, OLD CHUM. JUST KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.
Um, THE LAKE IS BEHIND US.
INDEED IT IS, VERONICA.
COME IN, DRIVER. HAVE YOU MADE ANY PROGRESS ON MY REQUEST?
I HAVE, SIR. THE DEVICE IS WORKING AS WELL AS YOU HOPED.
I'VE MADE MY WAY SUCCESSFULLY DOWN THE RIVER AND AM ENTERING RIVERDALE LAKE. QUITE CLOSE TO YOUR POSITION NOW.
GOOD. AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

I'M NO FAN OF WATER, BUT I LOVE CORNERING MY PREY-- *RROWR!*

GIVE IT UP, BATS! WE'VE WON THIS TIME!

I ADMIT... REGROUPING IN RIVERDALE **WAS** INGENIOUS.

*THANK* YOU!

I'VE SAID TO THEM SO MANY TIMES, ***WHY*** START IN GOTHAM? LET'S MAKE SOME REAL HEADWAY IN ANOTHER TOWN!

I SEEM TO REMEMBER IT BEING ***MY*** IDEA!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SWIM FOR IT!

NOT WITHOUT MY DUCKY!

MY OUTFIT WILL SHRINK!

BATMAN, YOU ***MUST*** HAVE A PLAN!

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO PLAN FOR ***EVERY*** EVENTUALITY, ROBIN.

HOWEVER, THAT SAID, WHEN I DISCOVERED WE'D BE COMING TO THE LAKE...

"I ***DID*** PUT IN AN ORDER."

THE ***BATBOAT!***

REMOTE CONTROLLED!

***WOW!***

***VRRRRMMMMMMMM***

EVERYONE IN! I'LL HOLD THEM BACK!
WAAAK!
K-FOOM
YOUR BLASTED BELT CAN'T HOLD US OFF ALL NIGHT!
WE CAN'T LET HIM GO NOW!
DON'T WORRY...
...I HAVE HIM!
KEE-RAKK
GOOD WORK! NOW ME!
KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
HURRY, KIDS!

GOTCHA!
NO, WAIT-- LOOK!
THEY'VE GOT BATMAN!
WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM!
REMEMBER, YOUNG HEROES!
TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!
COME ON, ANDREWS!
BUT--
BATMAN'S RIGHT.
IT'S NOT OVER AS LONG AS WE'RE FREE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THIS ISN'T OVER! WE'LL BE BACK FOR YOU!
HOOHOO! HAHA!
IT'S WORKED, LIKE A CHARM!
WAAAK WAK!
AND WE CAUGHT HIM!
WE DID IT, BOYS!
WE MADE THE BAT FLY TO US FAR FROM HIS CAVE!
Oh, NO! HOW CAN THIS BE?!
A WHOLE TOWN UNDER THEIR CONTROL... AND NOW THEY HAVE BATMAN? DO WE EVEN LIVE IN A MORAL UNIVERSE ANYMORE?

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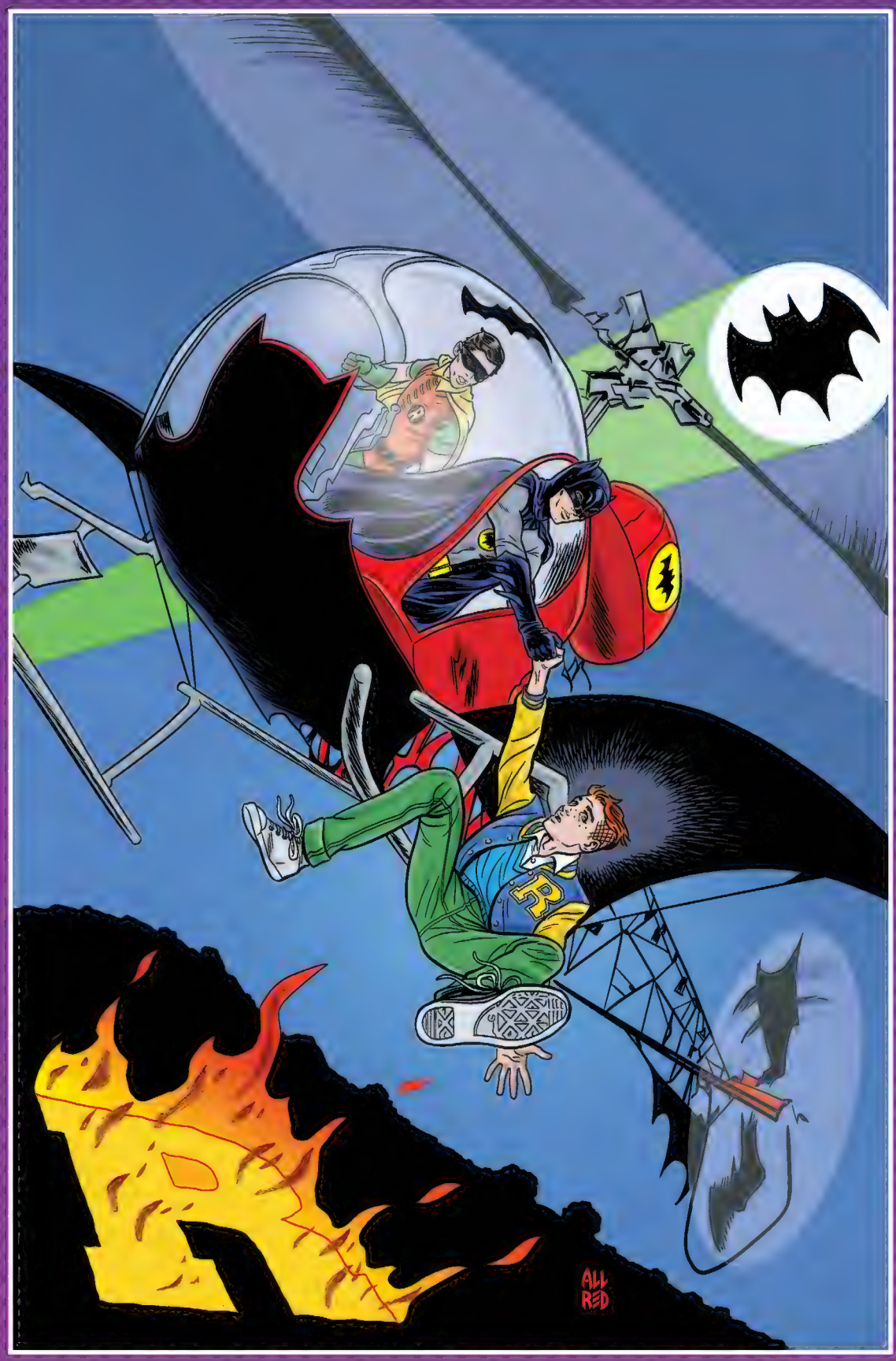
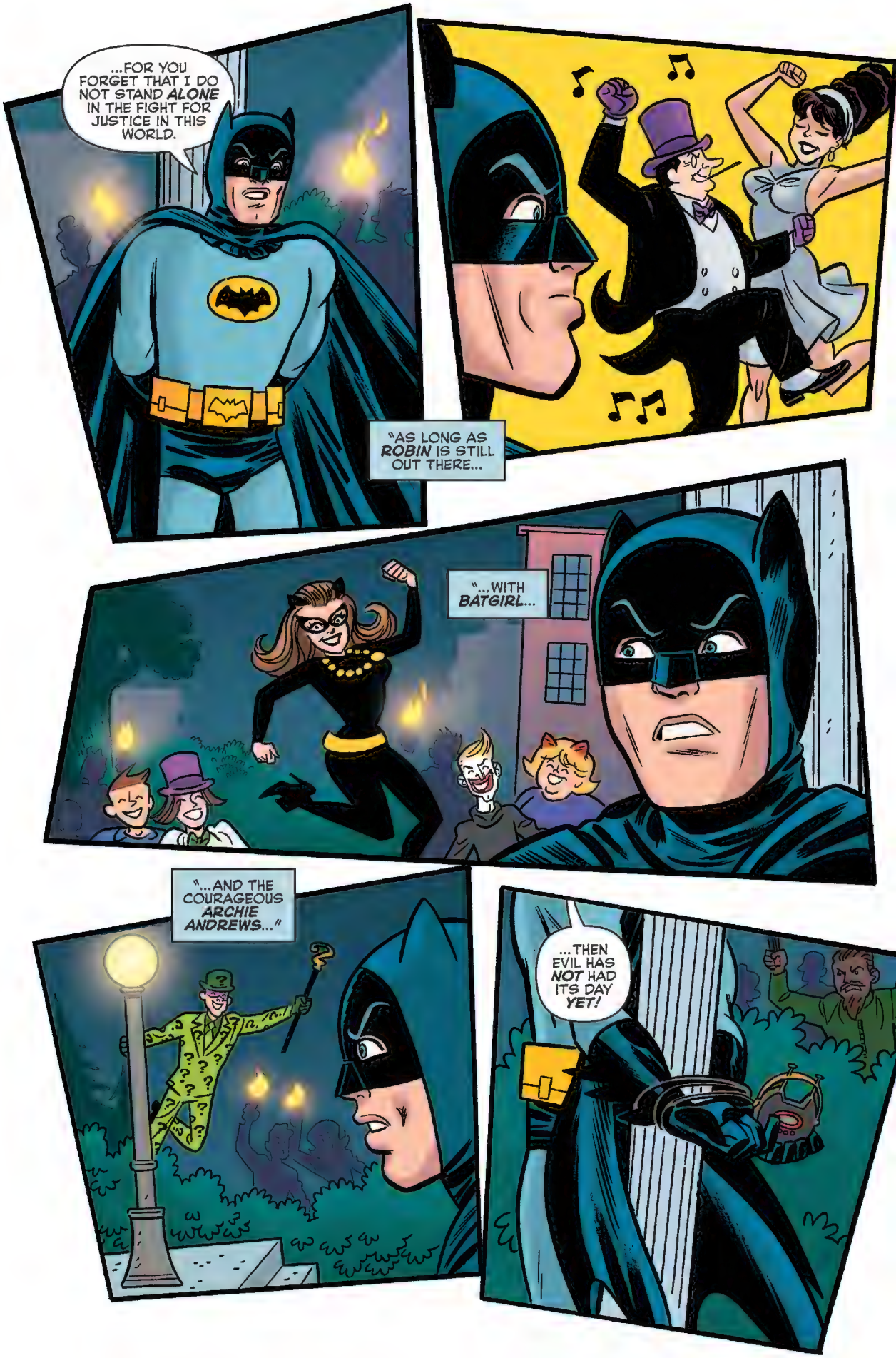


FRUSTRATED AT BEING FOILED, BATMAN'S MOST FIENDISH FOES FLEE GOTHAM... TO RUN RIVERDALE!
A CALL FOR HELP IS HEARD...AND ANSWERED!
REGGIE AND THE RIDDLER?
JUGHEAD AND THE JOKER?
BATMAN IN BONDS? WITH ONLY THE TEENS FREE, IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR THE CITY OF RIVERDALE? FOR THE WORLD?!?

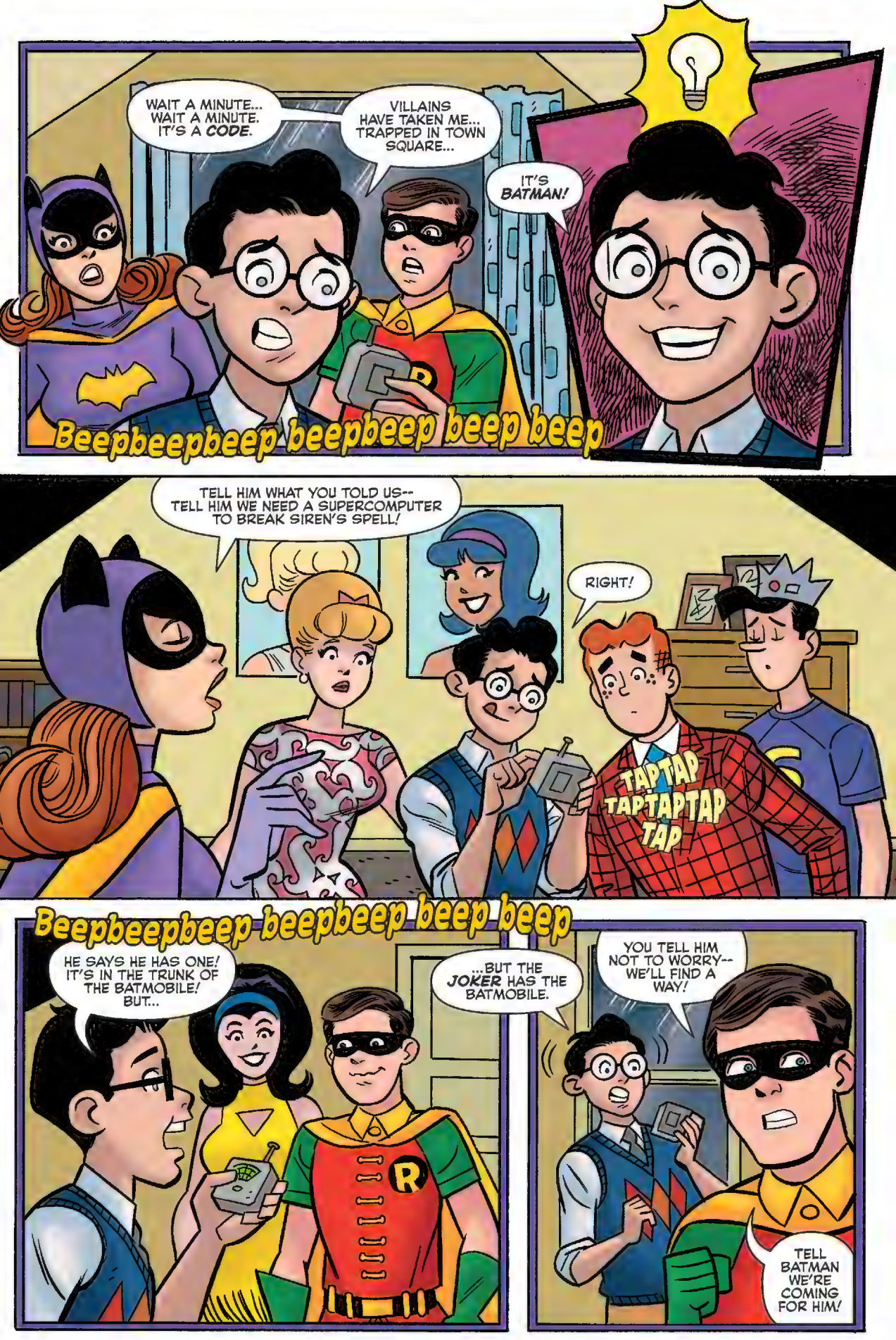
IT'S...BEAUTIFUL. AND I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT'S REAL.
BUT WE DID IT. WE ACTUALLY DID IT...
...WE MADE A WORLD WITHOUT BATMAN!!!
HOO HOO HOO HOO-HOOOO!
BOO TO THE BAT!
NE the Penguin!
UNITED UNDERWORLD VICTORY!
NO ONE WILL STOP US NOW! NO ONE CAN STOP US NOW, WAAK!
ALL THE RICHES, ALL THE POWER--FIRST RIVERDALE, THEN THE WORLD!
YES TO THE CAT!
WE'LL CONTROL IT ALL! AND WHEN WE DO--
HEY, BATS! Oh, BATMAN!

VAROOOOM
HO-HO!
SHE HANDLES LIKE A DREAM, BATMAN!
SCREEEEE
THOUGH WHAT DO YOU SAY? DO YOU THINK YOUR PRECIOUS BATMOBILE WILL LOOK BETTER IN CARNIVAL GREEN AND PLUM PURPLE?
I SURE DO!
HAHA! HO HO HO! HEEEE!!
DON'T BE SO GLUM, BATMAN! IF YOU ASK NICELY, MAYBE I'LL LET YOU BE MY BOY WONDER!
ENJOY YOUR FIENDISH FESTIVITIES WHILE THEY LAST...
SCREEEEE


...FOR YOU FORGET THAT I DO NOT STAND ALONE IN THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD.
"AS LONG AS ROBIN IS STILL OUT THERE...
"...WITH BATGIRL...
"...AND THE COURAGEOUS ARCHIE ANDREWS..."
...THEN EVIL HAS NOT HAD ITS DAY YET!

THE ANDREWS' HOUSE...
I JUST... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
...HE'S GONE. BATMAN'S REALLY GONE.
AND HE DID IT TO SAVE US.
IS THAT WHAT BEING UNSELFISH LOOKS LIKE?
AW, C'MON, GANG-- CHEER UP!
I MADE BAT-BURGERS!
JUGHEAD'S RIGHT! BATMAN WOULDN'T TAKE THIS MOB MAYHEM LYING DOWN, AND NEITHER WILL WE!
ARCHIE, REMIND ME--WHAT WERE THE WORDS BATMAN LEFT YOU WITH?
HE SAID... HE SAID TO "LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY."

LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!
AND THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO! BUT WE NEED A PLAN.
WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SAVE BATMAN--
AND FREE OUR PARENTS FROM SIREN'S MIND CONTROL.
Oh!
THE SIREN EGGS--I STILL HAVE ONE FROM THE RIDDLER! MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SHUT THEM ALL DOWN!
Hmmm...
IT'S QUITE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. WHILE THEY'RE ALL ON THE SAME FREQUENCY, FINDING A WAY TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE BATCH... I'D NEED SOME KIND OF SUPERCOMPUT--
MY MESSENGER! WHO COULD BE CALLING ME AT THIS HOUR?!
Beepbeepbeep beepbeep beep beep


WAIT A MINUTE... WAIT A MINUTE. IT'S A CODE.
VILLAINS HAVE TAKEN ME... TRAPPED IN TOWN SQUARE...
IT'S BATMAN!
Beepbeepbeep beepbeep beep beep
TELL HIM WHAT YOU TOLD US-- TELL HIM WE NEED A SUPERCOMPUTER TO BREAK SIREN'S SPELL!
RIGHT!
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
Beepbeepbeep beepbeep beep beep
HE SAYS HE HAS ONE! IT'S IN THE TRUNK OF THE BATMOBILE! BUT...
...BUT THE JOKER HAS THE BATMOBILE.
YOU TELL HIM NOT TO WORRY-- WE'LL FIND A WAY!
TELL BATMAN WE'RE COMING FOR HIM!

WHAT WE NEED IS TO DRAW THOSE VILLAINS' ATTENTION AWAY.
A DIS-TRACTION WOULD BE PERFECT.
R
A DISTRACTION, HUH?
I KNOW HOW TO DISTRACT!

THIS FEELS SO GOOD! I CAN DANCE LIKE THIS ALL NIGHT!
ALL NIGHT?! I CAN DANCE OUR VICTORY OVER BATMAN FOR THE REST OF MY LIF--
WHAT IS THAT AWFUL NOISE? IS THAT--
WHRMMM
IS THAT THE BATMOBILE?!
VVRRRMMM VMMMM
MY GOODNESS-- WHAT HAS JOKER DONE?! HE JUST DROVE OFF A MOMENT AGO, AND--
VRRM VRRM
BOSS WHEELS!
WAAAK!
THIS IS NO BATMOBILE! THIS IS SOME FAKERY!
VVRRRMMM

Ah-HAH! ONE OF THOSE MEDDLING TEENS. WHAT DO YOU WANT, KID?
WHAT DO I WANT? JUSTICE!
WHEN DO I WANT IT?
NOW!
WAAAK?!

E
R
ST
THE BAT-FAMILY JUST GOT BIGGER, PENGUIN!

KLOK
MMMP
SOK
KICK

PSSST! DILTON!
C'MON, WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!
ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS PLAN WILL WORK?
GEEZ, A LITTLE LATE TO BE ASKING THAT NOW, DILTON! LOOK, OVER THERE--
THERE'S THE BATMOBILE. YOU NEED TO DO EXACTLY WHAT BATMAN TOLD YOU AND GET THAT ELECTRONIC BOOK FOR YOUR ROBO-BRAIN!
BUT IF THE VILLAINS SEE ME...
DILTON, YOU CAN DO THIS. YOU HAVE TO--RIVERDALE DEPENDS ON IT!
I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU...
...RIGHT AFTER I RESCUE BATMAN.

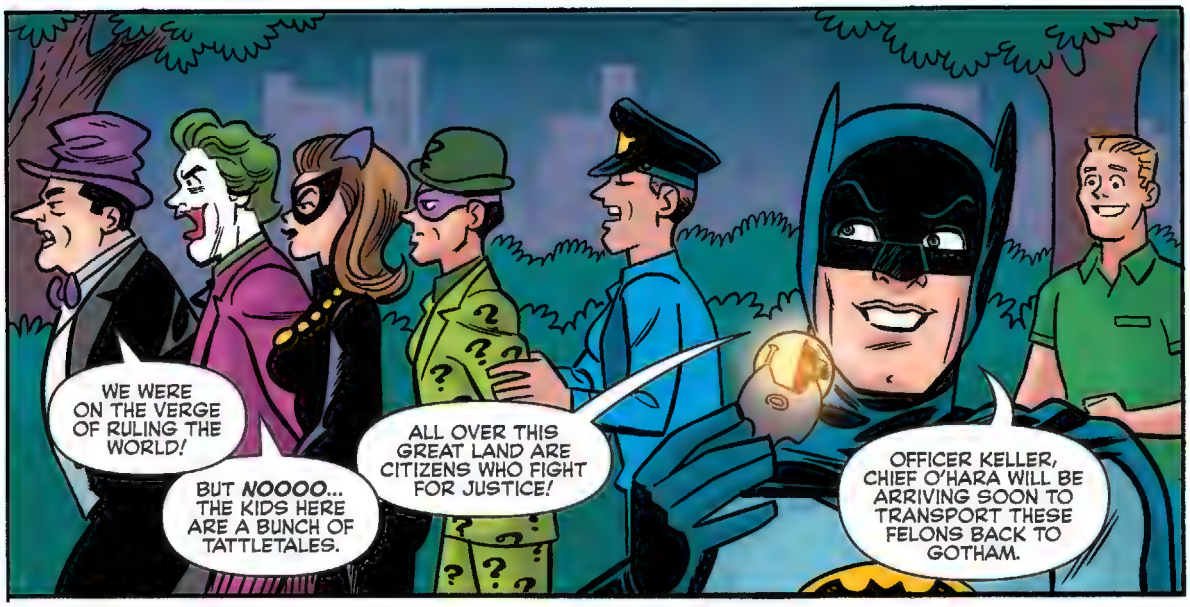
SWING
BOFF
WHAP
EXCELLENT, ROBIN--JUST LIKE I TAUGHT YOU.
NOW KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, KEEP YOUR--
PSST!
PSSSST! BATMAN!
Ah, ARCHIE ANDREWS.
I KNEW YOU'D FIGHT ANOTHER DAY--AND HERE YOU ARE.
WE'RE ALL HERE. WE'RE RESCUING YOU, AND WE'RE SAVING RIVER-DALE.
YOU MOST CERTAINLY ARE, MY BRAVE FRIEND.
AND YOUR RESCUE COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED AT A BETTER TIME...

I BELIEVE OUR FRIENDS NEED US NOW MORE THAN EVER.
HO HO! HEE! HEEEE!!
YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED AND SORELY LACKING A BAT! YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SURRENDER AND--
PARDON ME, JOKER...
?!

KA-POW
WE STILL HAVE THE NUMBERS! UNITED UNDER-WORLD...
...ATTAAAACK!
NOT FAIR! HEY, HOW'S IT COMING, DILT?
WHUMPH
I'VE GOT THE BRAIN OF THE ELECTRONIC BOOK CONNECTED TO THE SIGNAL REBROAD-CASTER!
THE DEVICES ARE DAISY-CHAINED TOGETHER, PASSING ON THE MIND-WAVE. SO CHANGING ONE...
...SHOULD CHANGE THEM ALL!
WUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUUU
WUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUWUUUU

OOF!
WOK
WHY DON'T YOU VILLAINS TRY A FAIR FIGHT?
OH!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR-- NNH--TIME!
TOWNSPEOPLE! CRUSH THESE CRETINS!
WAK!
THOK
FORGET IT, PENGY.
THE CAVALRY ISN'T COMING TO HELP US.
SURROUND THEM, EVERY-ONE!
THESE CADS USED MY RESOURCES AGAINST US... WITHOUT PAYING!
DILTON DID IT! THE MIND WAVE IS OFF!
HEY, I SORT OF HELPED!

MIND CONTROL COMES WITH A PRETTY STEEP SENTENCE IN RIVERDALE!
GO, DAD!
KLIK
B-BUT THAT WAS REALLY RIDDLER'S IDEA!
IT WAS SIREN WHO MADE IT HAPPEN!
YOU WEASELS!
DISRUPTING SCHOOL IS DOUBLE DETENTION!
WAP
CATS NOT BATS!
AND NO ONE TAKES MY JOB, I HAVE TENURE!
RRROOW!
ARCHIE, WE'RE SO SORRY WE HUNTED YOU DOWN LIKE AN ANGRY MOB!
AW, THANKS, DAD.
JUGHEAD, I DREAMED I TURNED YOU AWAY FOR FOOD!
IT WAS A NIGHTMARE, POP!
MY DEAR RONNIE, I WAS A MONSTER!
AND THEN YOU WERE MIND-CONTROLLED!


WE WERE ON THE VERGE OF RULING THE WORLD!
BUT NOOOO... THE KIDS HERE ARE A BUNCH OF TATTLETALES.
ALL OVER THIS GREAT LAND ARE CITIZENS WHO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE!
OFFICER KELLER, CHIEF O'HARA WILL BE ARRIVING SOON TO TRANSPORT THESE FELONS BACK TO GOTHAM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT TO TEAM UP WITH THE BAT-FAMILY!
I ALMOST WANT CRIME TO INVADE RIVERDALE AGAIN!
ER...LET'S HOPE NOT, VERONICA.
IF YOU'RE EVER IN GOTHAM CITY, I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND, BETTY.
THE PLEASURE WAS OURS, ARCHIE. AND EVEN THOUGH THE COSTUMES WERE FOR DISTRACTION...
...YOU ALL MAKE FINE CRIME-FIGHTERS.
I MIGHT BE SOON, I HAVE TO VISIT MY GREAT AUNT HARRIET COOPER!

AUNT... HARRIET?
HEY, HEROES! BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD, POP WANTS TO TREAT YOU ALL TO LUNCH!
I DO?
YEAH! LET'S GO!

I THINK I'M GETTING THE HANG OF *THE BATUSI!*
PUT MORE *HIP* INTO IT, LIKE *BATGIRL!*
THANKS, VERONICA-- DANCE IS THE KEY TO *FITNESS!*
30
PH

**A CITY SAVED! WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL SPRING FROM THIS MIGHTY ALLIANCE OF RIVERDALE AND GOTHAM? KEEP YOUR RADIOS ON AND STAY ALERT, TEENS AND BAT-FANS!**

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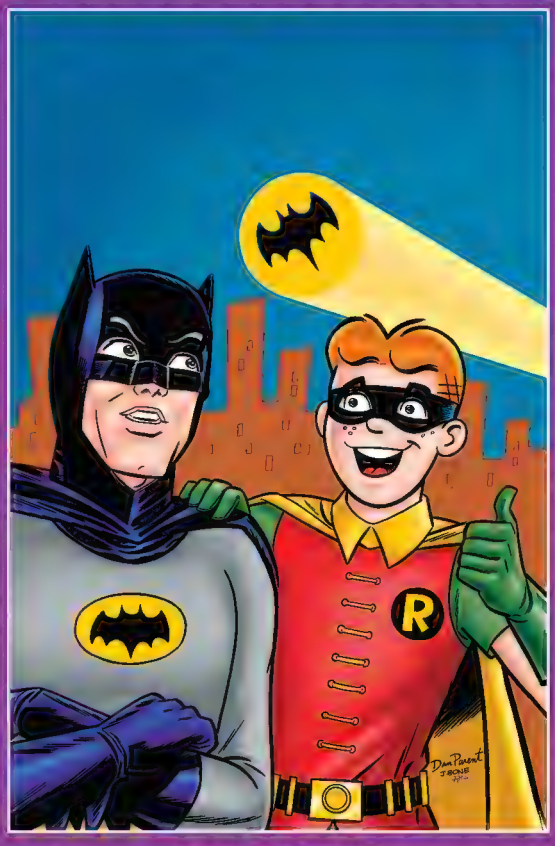


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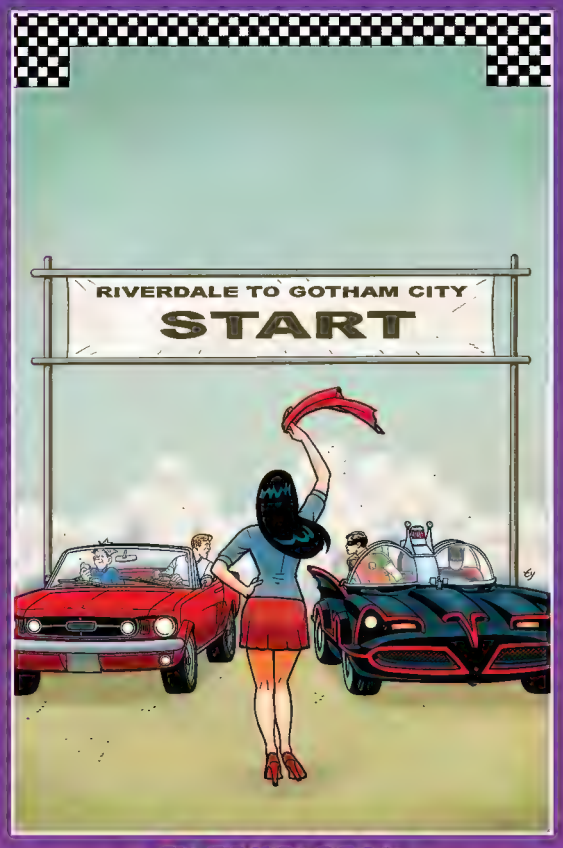


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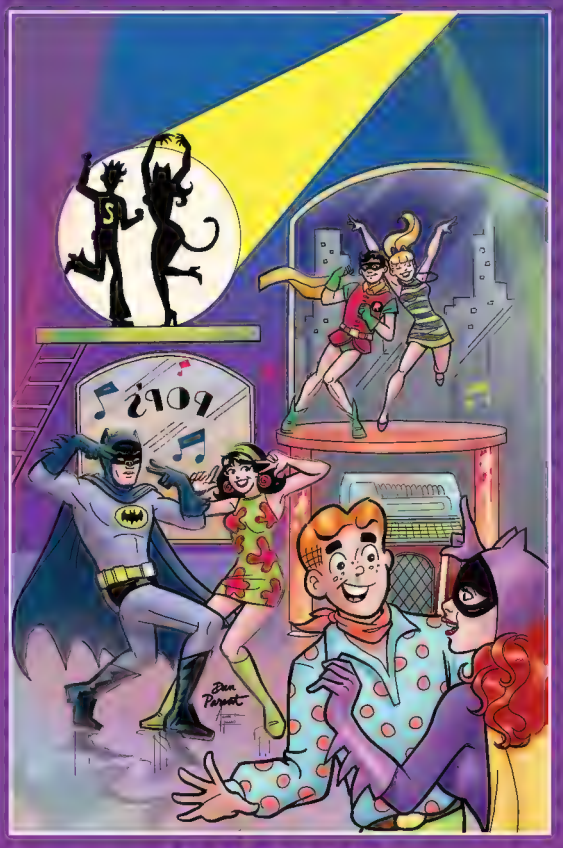


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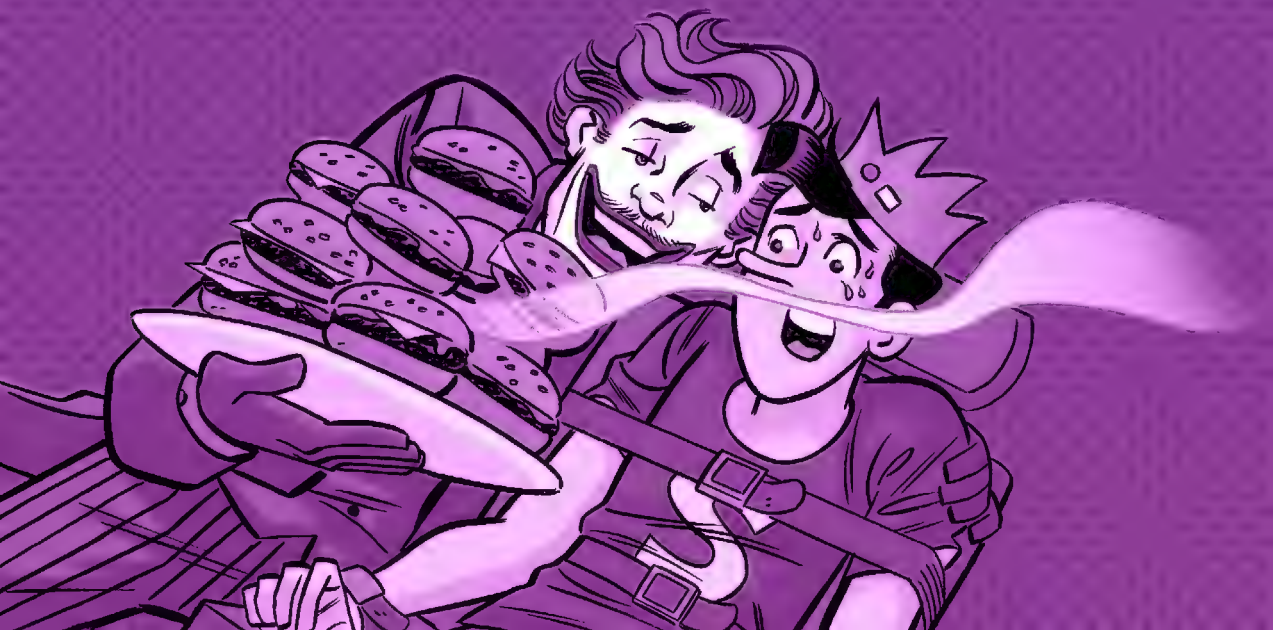

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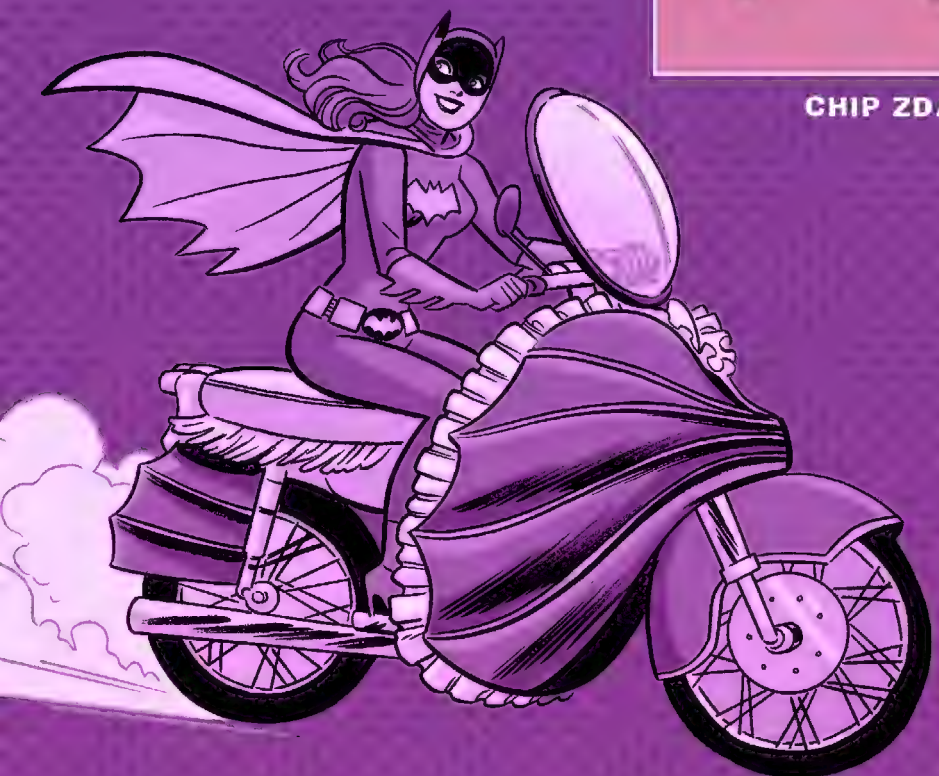

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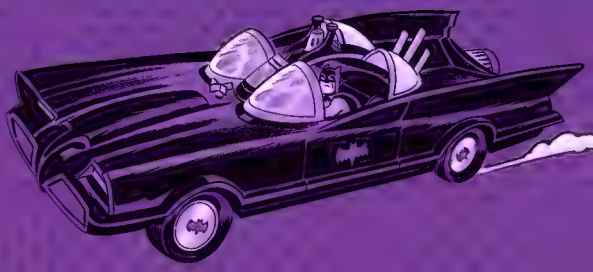

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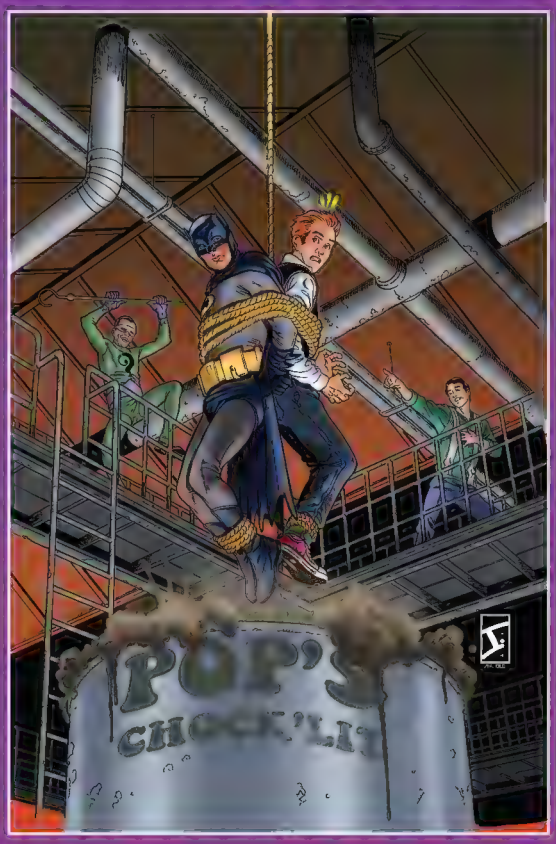


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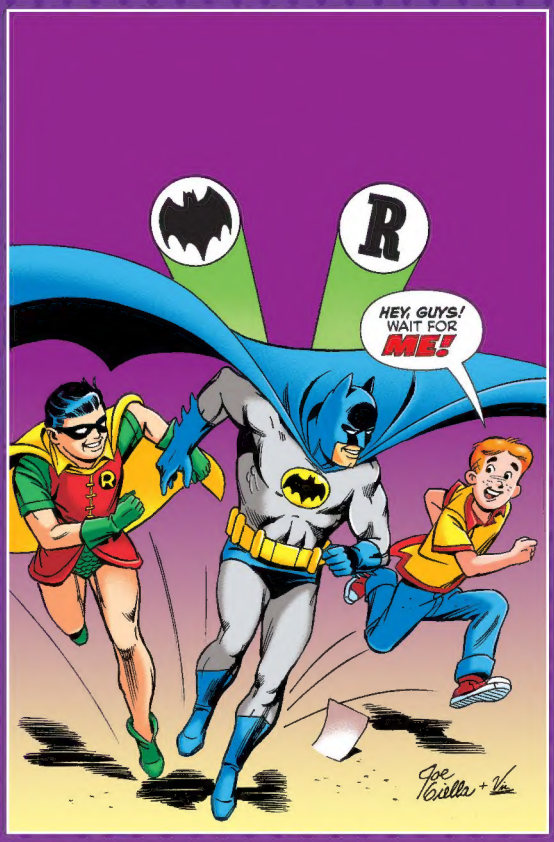


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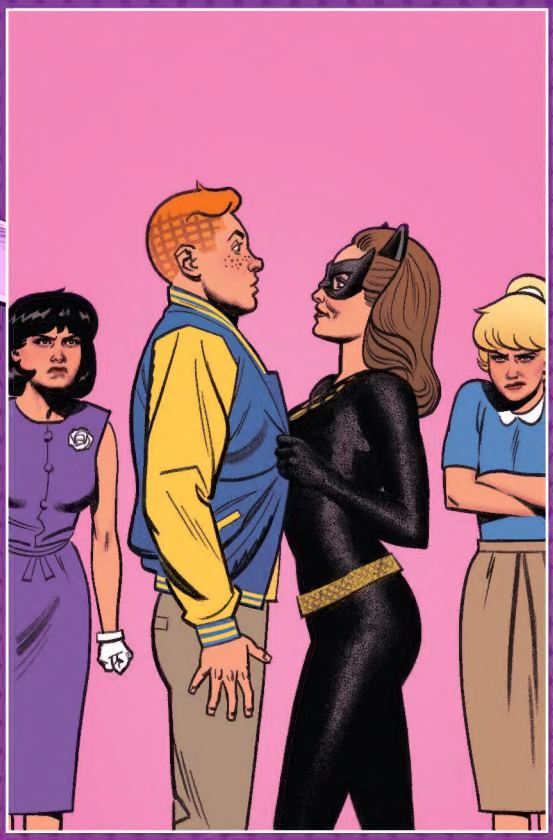

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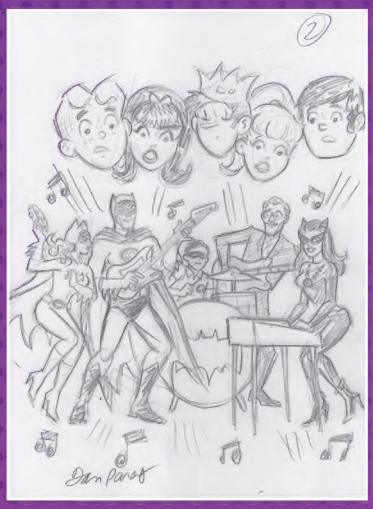


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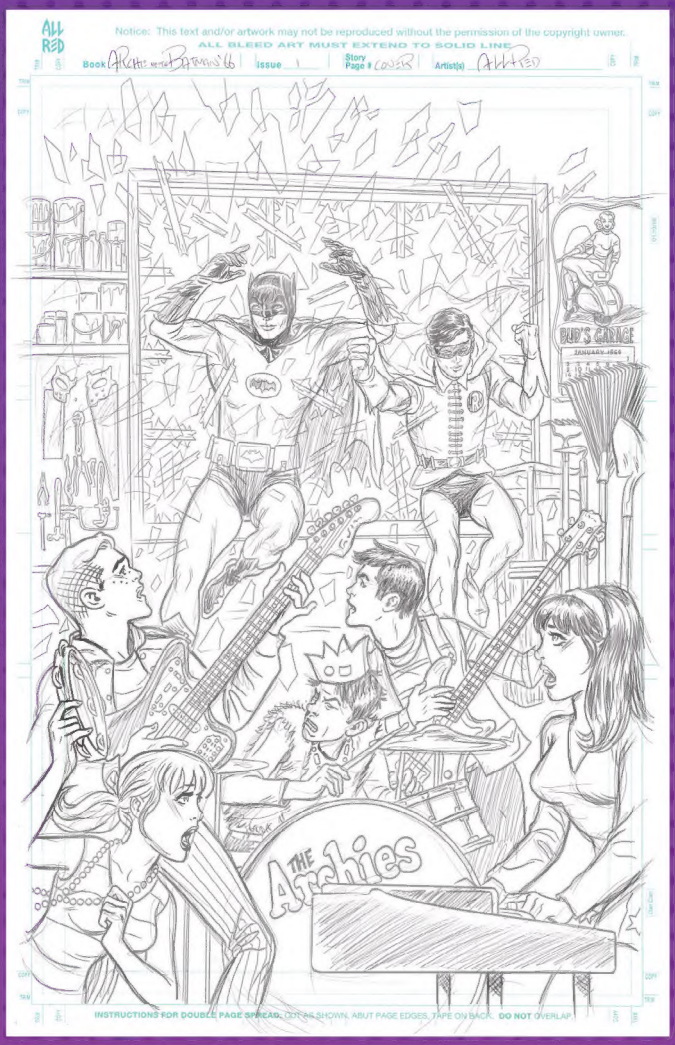
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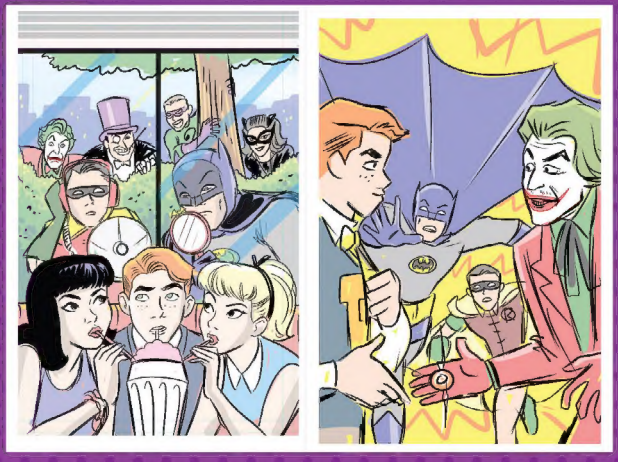

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